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The music, dance, theatre, art and crafts of India will be on and crafts of India will be on show throughout Britain in a festival which opens next week. Today's Preview. the 16-page arts and entertainments guide published each Friday with The Times, gives the highlights of the festival's opening events, in addition to full details of the week's films. full details of the week's films, plays, concerts, exhibitions, broadcasting, sport and family

Liberals and SDP agree more seats

The Liberals and Social Democrats have agreed an almost equal division between them of two-thirds of Britain's of two-interes of Britains parliamentary seats to be contested at the next general election. They are confident of reaching agreement on a majority of the remainder by the end of the month

Journalists killed in El Salvador

Four Dutch journalists were killed in El Salvador, the Dutch embassy in San Salvador said. Unconfirmed reports said they died during fighting in a village 70 miles north of the

Plea for Duarte, page 6

Prosser jury out

The jury trying three prison officers accused of the murder of Mr Barry Prosser at Winson Green Prison went to a botel for the night after a six-hour retirement without reaching agreement at Leicester Crown Court.

Platt group fails

A receiver has been called in at Stone-Platt, the big textile machinery manufacturer, despite rescue attempts by the Bank of England. The collapse bas led to a clash between the company's bankers and City institutions Page 13

Polar escape

The British Transglobe Expedition explorers have escaped from an ice flor 375 miles from the North Pole by driving their mow vehicle on to another ice floe which drifted alongside Earlier report, page 6

Private loans up

A steady increase in loans to the private sector is revealed in figures released by the Bank of England, Public sector lending was contracting.

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Page 13 Cable TV worry

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, is to set up an inquiry into the impact of cable and satellite broadcasting on television, standards, It is feared that standards will Page 3

Penlee inquest

The Penlee disaster inquest, told of the drama of the three captains involved, the coaster master, the helicopter pilot and the lifeboat coxswaln Page 2

Shinwell drops Labour whip



Lord Shinwell, aged 97, who has resigned the Labour Whip. (Back page)

Spectator dies

A 22-year-old Indian died after being punched on the head during the one-day cricket match in Durban on Wednes-day between South Africa and the touring English XI. Police said they had questioned and later released a white man Cricket, page 17

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Letters: On European defence, from Dr Robert McGeehan, and others; clergy morale, from the Bishop of Oxford Leading articles: Chief constables; Haughey in Washington; Russia and India Obituary, page 12 Mr Charles Fife

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Preview Death penalty and flogging are rejected by Government

By Hugh Noyes and Anthony Bevins

McNee to retire as

police chief

Sir David McNee, whose

decision to retire came as

a surprise to most of Scotland Yard yesterday.

Offered another two years.

service by the Home

Secretary Sir David told him some weeks ago he would leave this October.

To appeals for new measure

to combat the rising level of violent crime, Mr Whitelaw reminded MPs that the Crim-

inal Justice Bill now before the House would provide magistrates and judges with a wide range of penalties. He was also hoping to bring for-ward proposals which would

implement some parts of the plans on police powers that were in the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

support, encouragement and help of the local community.

He accepted that the in-

crimes was serious and must be tackled not only by the House, the police and the Covernment but by the whole

of the community. It was only by a concerted effort that the battle against crime could be

Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on Home Affairs, that the best way to reduce

the crime rate was not to have

wild talk about more violent punishment but to get the

police out on the streets among the people. This was a matter

for the community as a whole : there were problems of paren-

tal discipline, discipline in schools and many other matters

The Home Secretary backed

the Metropolitan Police for

their break down of crime sta-tistics into ethnic groups. He knew in advance that this was

The Cabinet is preparing to mobilize all possible support for the Home Secretary in the coming week's Conservative Party debate on law and order.

Senior ministers were saying

not be turned int oa political football, that what mattered

was the means to the improve

meet of the figures, but that theer were no simple answers.
Such arguments will only
serve to isolate the Conservative right-wing, which has been

demanding draconian mea-sures, including capital punish-

ment. There will be a vote on capital punishment, the second in the Parliament, during the report stace of the Criminal Justice Bill. after Easter, it

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was disclosed last night.

to be done

Mr Whitelaw agreed with

The controversy over the maintenance of law and order in the face of a rise in violent crime overshadowed all other issues, including that of unemployment, in heated Commons exchanges yesterday

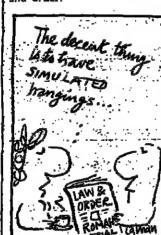
Ar Whitelew and Mr Patrick Maybew, Minister of State at the Home Office, made clear to their backbenches that while they wiewed the rising crime figures with the greatest seriousness. with the greatest seriousness, there was no possibility of the reintroduction of either the death penalty or of corporal punishment. Mrs Thatcher also told the House that she did not believe that corporal punishment would be reintroduced.

At the same time, the Home Office made a surprise amouncement that Sir David McNee will retire as Commissioner of the Metropolivan Police on October 1.

Though the Government do Though the Government do not intend to support some of the harsher penalties for offenders being suggested on the right of the Conservative Party, it is expected to give its backing to the introduction of curfew orders for young offenders between the ages of 10 and 21.

A new clause to the Criminal Justice Bill is likely to give courts the power to order young offenders to stay at home for specified periods between 6pm and 6am on weekdays and from noon on Saturday and Sunday.

- With opposition to the Government's stance continuing on the Tory backbenches, Cabinet Ministers intend to assemble all possible support for Mr Whitelaw in the coming week's debate within the party on law



Mrs. Thatcher and Mr Whitelaw battled through an hour of questioning, and MPs on both sides of the House left the Government in no doubt that this issue has, for the moment at least, taken over the political stage from the problems of unemployment.

Mr Whitelaw and Mrs Thatcher came to the House well armed to deal with almost well armed to deal with almost any statistic. Almost too well armed in the case of the Prime Minister, who was so buried beneath departmental briefings on crime statistics that she completely lost her way at one point as the arguments deteriorated into exchanges over whether criminals thrived better under a Labour or a better under a Labour or a

Conservative, government. . Mrs Thatcher, Mr Whitelaw and Mr Patrick Mayhew. Minister of State at the Home Office, between filem made clear to their backbeachers that while they viewed the trising arms. Figure with the trising arms. rising crime figures with the yreatest seriousness, there was no possibility of the reintro-duction of either the death penalty or of corporal punish-ment, It was pointed out, however, that there would be opportunities in the near future for Ps o vote on both

> Teachers step up action after rebuff on pay By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

The two main teachers unions are to step up their industrial action in all local authority schools following the decision by employers last night not to refer their pay claim to arbitration. The management panel of

the Burnham Committee, which negociates teachers' pay in England and Wales, was split down the middle between those wanting immediate arbitration and those urging further negotiations. A number of members exercised their right to reouisition a further meeting of the full Burnham Committee, with next Thursday as a possible

The Association of Metro politan Authorities (AMA) promptly put out a statement saving that it stood by its opinion that the dispute should go to arbitration, but was nevertheless prepared to attend another Burnham meeting in the hope of persuading its management colleagues to accept arbitration.

Mr. Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, expressed deep anger at the employers' decision. Their "provocative act" meant the union would have no alternative but to attach no alternative but to step up disruptive action he said. The union, which until now

has been exempting from sauctions all metropolitan authorities and 25 of the 47 county authorities which backed their demand for arbitration, will refuse to supervise pupils or take part in acrivities after school hours in all authorities. The National Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Employees, the second largest teachers' union, described the employers' decision as "the search by incoming the second second

sion as "thoroughly irresponsible". It also will now increase sanctions to include refusal to cover for absent col-All five of the main teach-

ers' unions meet today to dis-cuss further joint action, including strikes.

Jews lose plea, page 2

Tory wets revolt over cut in dole

By Philip Webster

The Government suffered one of its biggest backbench revolts of the present parliament last night when 13 Conservative MPs voted to restore the 5 per cent that was cur the 5 per cent that was cur from unemployment benefit in 1980.

They supported an opposition clause during the report stage of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill which would have had the effect of restoring the "abatement".

The Government majority fell to 30 but the new clause was rejected by 248 votes to 218. The majority would have been much lower had several MPs in the opposition parties not been absent. Up to half a dozen other Conservative MPs abstained. abstained.

The 13 rebels were led by Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabiner minister. The others were Mr Robert Hicks (Bodmin), Mr Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden), Mr Christopher Patten (Bath), Mr Patrick Cormack (Staffordshire, South-West), Mr Richard Needham (Chippenham), Mr Peter Bot-West), Mr Richard Needham (Chippenham), Mr Peter Bottomley (Greenwich, Woolwich, West), Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East), Mr James Lester (Beeston), Mr David Knox (Leek), Mr Julian Critchley (Aldershot), Mr Robin Squire (Hayering, Hornchurch) and Sir Anthony Meyer (Flint, West).

One Conservative MP after another rose to attack the Government's decision not to restore the abatement, brought in as a substitute for the taxa-tion on short-term benefits which the Government had pledged in its manifesto to introduce.

Mr Hugh Rossi, Minister for Social Security, totally failed to satisfy the critics who constantly interrupted his speech.

But Mr Whitelaw was not encouraging in his reply to suggestions from the Labour benches for more community policing. That sort of talk, he said, was bedevilling our policing system. What was wanted was effective policing, which meant harnessing the support. encouragement and Many Conservatives argued during the debate that as the taxation of short-term benefits starting in July would bring in over £500m in a full year the Government should spend the £60m it would cost to restore the abatement.

Mr Rossi patently angered his backbenchers when he said: "£60m in a year is not a trivial amount to find. We have many things to do in the social security field which we would like to do." He promi-

the abatement would be made good eventually

Benn seeks royal aid to annul Lords

By George Clark

Mr Wedgwood Benn, who resigned the Stansgate peerage in 1963 and is seen as the main defender of left wing activists. has produced for the Labour Party a detailed plan for the abolition of the House of Lords. It would involve, as he first told the party conference in 1980, a Labour-dominated Commons' asking the Queen to create a thousand or so new and temporary peers to wreak the destruction of the Upper

Critics in the Labour Party have argued that that is either impracticable or political nonsense, or else that it would provoke a constitutional crisis, putting the Queen in the centre of a dispute which the centre of the c of a dispute which might re-sult in her refusing to use her prerogative to pave the way for the abolition of one of the estates of the realm.

In a paper that Mr Benn has n a paper that Mr Benn has prepared for the part; s machinev of government group, which includes Dame Judith Hart, chairman of the party. Mr Eric Heffer, Mr John Silkin, Mr Michael Meacher, Lord Balogh and Lord Crowther-Hunt, he seeks to show that his plan is constitutional.

He rejects the suggestions made by Mr Silkin and Mr Michael Cocks, the Opposition chief whip, that the Lords' abolition commitment should be given low priority in the party manifesto because the Commons would have more important legislation to tackle. Mr Benn argues that Lords'

abolition is the essential prerequisite to legislation, for taking the United Kingdom out of the EEC and thus allowing the new Government to carry through its alternative economic stratagy.

His paper opens with the declaration that "the Lords are unlikely to pass a Bill to abolish themselves". Furthermore, it would be difficult to get the Bill through simply by invoking the provisions of the Parliament Acts, which re-strict the Lords' delaying power. That could involve a wrangle between the two Houses that would last two or three years.

Early in that dispute, Mr Benn argues, the Labour government would be forced to adopt the "swamping" method of carrying the legislation, by asking the Queen to create enough peerages to outvote the majority in the Upper

House.

He recognizes that at that boint, the Crown might say, as Some legal opinion, howpoint the Crown might say, as Continued on back page, col 6



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, comforting Mrs Sylvia Martin during a visit to St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney, East London, yesterday.

Franc falls to lowest level ever

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 18

The franc fell to its lowest level ever against the dollar on Paris exchanges today amid speculation that it may be devalued for the second time in six months.

For two days, the Bank of France has intervened vigor-ously on the exchanges by selling some \$1,000m (£552m), but this has failed to half speculation against the franc-which today fell to Fr 6.185 against the dollar and to Fr 2.6059 against the Deutschmark. In addition, the dom-estic lending rate was raised by two points to 17 per cent,

Given the drastic exchange control measures reintroduced in recent months, which leave little opportunity for domestic speculators, the run on the franc points to a sharp fail of confidence on the part of international investors.

Against that the optimism of the Prime Minister, who claimed yesterday that the slowing of inflationary trends was well under way, and the feigned surprise of the Finance Minister at the "agitation" over the franc "when all the objective elements of the objective elements of the economy are satisfactory, sound distinctly hollow. He flutly rejected the possibility of another devaluation.

Uproar as Israelis oust Arab mayor From Christopher Walker, El-Bireh, March 18

The Israeli authorities today took the unprecedented step of disbanding one of the 25 elected Palestinian municipali-ties in the occupied West Bank and replacing its Arab mayor with a senior Israeli Army officer.

Within hours of the move, there were reports of renewed Arab unrest from many parts of the occupied area. Troop rainforcements were rushed to the trouble spots by the Israeli military command and the remaining mayors were planning a coordinated protest. In El-Birch, itself 'Arab women defied the ban on demonstramunicipality shouting angry.

The Israeli action was by diplomars as the latest escalation of the policy of attempting to silence all West Bank support for the Palestine Liberation Organization. It folment of the municipal elections and the recent outlawing of the radical National Guidance

The dissolution order was served on Mr Ibrahim Tawil,
Mayor of El-Bireb (civic motto
"The City on the Move")
after his council voted to boycott the civil administration headed by Mr Menachem Mil-son, an Israeli professor of Arabic literature.

Mr Tawil, aged 35, one of three West Bank mayors sub-jected to booby-trap bomb stracks in the summer of 1980

was marched from his town hall by soldiers and later placed under town arrest. He

claimed in an interview with The Times that the Israelis might soon disband other West Bank councils who have also joined the boycott.

The Israeli Defence Ministry justified the move by saying that it had been taken in the interests of the local Arabs to interests of the local Arabs to ensure that they continued to receive the municipal services. Right-wing Israeli politicians were quick to praise the authorities while some left-wingers expressed scrious concern at the implications for the future of the West Bank. After the disbandment, the

Israelis issued a military order declaring El-Bireh and the neighbouring Arab town of Ramaliah as a "closed area". I was one of a number of reporters given an official warning and forced to leave by armed soldiers as many of the 40,000 townspeople launched an immediate protest

Within two hours of Mr Tawil's expulsion, the streets of El-Bireh were being patrolled by hundreds of soldiers carry-ing automatic rifles. Ramallah was like a ghost town, with all but a handful of food-shops shuttered and suspicious-look-ing troops gathered in large clusters on street corners. In Nablus the town council called an emergency meeting and announced an immediate threeday general strike.

Shell blast kills three commandos

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Three Royal Marine com-mandos were killed yesterday when a mortar shell exploded on a training exercise at Otter-buro, Northumberland. Two others were also badly wound-ed (Our Newcastle Correspondent writes).

The men, members of 45 Commando, based at Arbroath, are understood to have died when a shell exploded in the barrel of a mortar as it was being fired. Preliminary investigations suggest a faulty fuse. The three dead marines were named last night as Anthony Helstrip, aged 20, Perer Butchers, aged 20, from Paignton, Devon. and Glean

Miller, aged 25, from Youvil,

Somerset All were unmarried.

The two in the Royal Vic-toria Hospital, Newcastle upon Type, were Col Stanley Wright aged 25, from Ramsonto, Kert, who was seriously ill, and Marine William Curtis, aged 25, from Wythen-shawe, Greater Manchester. Both needed surgery for shrap-

The injured had been air-lifted to hospital. The heliconter then made the 40-mile return trip to the training ranges to sweep the area for other carrollise.

The from raid later: "These men were killed following an explosion during routine mortar training. The cause of the explosion is not known at present but ammunition technical efficience with the cause of the present but ammunition technical efficience with the cause of the caus nical officers are at the scene to investigate."

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'Romans' case ends in confusion

Whitehouse and director both claim victory By David Nichoison-Lord

After a complicated series of legal moves throughout Wednesday, a senior Treasury counsel representing Sir Michael appeared in court yesterday morning to invoke the nolle prosequi procedure, ending the prosequi procedure, ending the prosequi procedure, ending the prosequi procedure and procedure procedure. Both sides immediately claimed victory. Mrs White-

the play, The Romans in Brit-ain, had provoked feers of a renewal of theatre censorship, said she had proved an important legal point. Comments by the trial judge has established that an act of gross indecency could be committed on the stage, she said. But Mr Michael Bogdanov,

the play's director, who faced up to two years' imprisonment on charges under the Sexual Offences Act, 1956, said Mrs Whitehouse had withdrawn the case because she knew the jury would reject it.

Mr Bogdanov, who denied procuring and being party to a simulated act of male homosexual rape during the play, said he had undergone "quite a lot of worry and anguish" in the 18 months since the prosecution was launched. He added: "I feel very angry that it finished without a conclusive decision. We were not able to put forward coherent and cogent arguments for a play that we had per-

ever, took the view that the

The private prosecution of case's conclusion, described by indecency charges brought by the Attorney General's repre-Mrs Mary Whitehouse against sentative as "most unusual, if a National Theatre director not unprecedented", settled Mrs Mary Whitehouse against a National Theatre director ended abruptly and in confusion at the Central Criminal Court vesterday after the intervention of Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney-ings to the legal status of General After a complicated series of largel moves throughout Wed-

prosequi procedure, ending the ahead. Mr Andrew Leigh, case immediately after the withdrawal of the prosecution. Old Vic and coordinator of the Thearre Defence Fund, said : The effect is still that the house, whose prosecution over freedom of the theatre is in grave peril" Mrs Whitehouse had taken

out a prosecution under the Sexual Offences Act after failing with similar moves under the Theatres Act. But Mr Justice Stanghton, the trial judge, overruled defence submissions that the case was based on a technicality and on "grossly inappropriate"

Mr Bogdanov's costs, esti-mated at £20,000, were ordered to be paid out of public funds. Mrs Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, will have to pay her own. They have been put at about £30,000. Despite the case's apparently inconclusive ending, Mrs Whitehouse's immediate reaction outside the courtroom was that it was a "great day for the country and the

She had agreed to dropping the case, she said, because she was not interested in making Mr Bogdanov suffer any more.
"All I wanted was a point of law established."

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ANC given new premises

Staff of the African National Congress (ANC), the militant black nationalist organization whose London mission was wrecked by a bomb last Sunday, have been offered temporary accommodation by the British Council of Churches at its head-quarters in Eaton Gate, Westminster (Michael

Horsnell writes).
Canon Paul Oestreicher, the council's assistant general secretary, said yesterday that the bombing of the ANC's office was deeply deplored by the council as an action against all South action against all South Africans whose aspirations for majority rule the ANC had faithfully represented

had faithfully represented for 70 years.

Mrs Ruth Mompati, chief representative of the ANC in Britain, said: "We are grateful to the BCC and we have accepted the offer." The ANC is awaiting a surveyors' report which will determine whether the mission will have to be demolished.

Youths jailed for killing PC Two youths who dragged a

"courageous and model policeman" to his death were acquitted of his murder at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday, Our Liverpool correspondent writes. But Jeffrey Jaycock, aged 19 of Charlton Road, and Mark Kelly aged 21 of Ringcroft Road, both of Old Swan, Liverpool were both jailed for nine years for

his manslaughter. PC Raymond Davenport, aged 35 had leaned inside the youths' car to switch off the ignition, last July 4 when the car sped away dragging him

Court cuts cash to road victims

The Court of Appeal in London yesterday ruled that interest on general damages for "pain, suffering and loss of amenity" in accident cases should be cut from the present level of more than 10 present level of more than 10 per cent to only 2 per cent.

Three judges pruned f10,000 from an overall damages and interest award of £242,404 to Mrs Sandra Birkett, aged 42, who suffered head injuries in a road accident.

Civil servants' technology deal

The Government yesterday completed a new technology agreement with Civil Service union leaders representing
520,000 white-collar staff
which the Government believes is a big contribution to
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redundancies through new technology.

The object of the agree-ment is to improve efficiency and standards of service in government operations. The Civil Service is Britain's largest single user of com-

School barricade

The police were called to Willowgarth High School, Grimethorpe, near Barnsley today when about 20 pupils barricaded the main gate. When police arrived, the pupils ran away, but one was detained.

Penlee disaster drama of three captains

The master of a coaster drifting in mountainous seas toward rocks failed to put out a Mayday signal and his crew showed "no sense of urgency" as a helicopter and lifeboat fought to lift them and their passengers to safety, an inquest was told at Penzance yesterday.

The inquest into the deaths of the eight crew of the Penles lifeboat Solomon the capsize.

When we called the lifeboat Solomon the lights of the we called the lifeboat there was no reply."

Penzance yesterday.

The inquest into the deaths of the eight crew of the Penlee lifeboat Solomon Browne from the Cornish viliage of Mousehole and the eight neonle on board the eight people on board the eight people on board the 1,400-ton Union Star was told that Captain Henry Moreton had not lowered his ship's mast to enable the helicopter to get closer as he would

have known to do.
Earlier, Captain Moreton, aged 33, was described as "short tempered" with the master of a salvage tug offering a tow and had asked him only to stand by. The jury heard that the master had on board his wife and two teenage stepdaughters picked up in an unscheduled stop without the knowledge

picked up in an unscheduled stop without the knowledge of his company.

The Union Star, carrying fertilizer to Dublin on her maiden voyage, had broken down with engine failure eight miles off Land's End. The wind gusted up to 85 knots and waves reached 70 ft as she drifted over a period of two hours and 40 minutes on to the rocks and eventually overturned. The battered Penlee Lifeboat, having picked-up four people from the coaster, was lost.

The inquest, which will continue today heard evidence from the tug master that the lifeboat had probably been damaged after hitting the coaster's side and its crew, including the coxswain Trevelyan Richards, were possibly concussed or injured. He thought they were making a desperate run for shelter but the Solomon

whose rotor blades had come men all came from Mouse-within three feet of the coaster's mast, the master of the stricken coaster who wanted his wife and children taken off first and the desperate attempts of Trevelyan Richards to get everybody on to his lifeboat.

Mr Johan Burman, the dead crewmen. The dead men all came from Mouse-hole and they left behind five widows, and 12 children, some of them grown up.

An estimated £500,000 given by the public to another fund set up by local fishermen has been divided equally between the eight families.

there was no reply."

Captain Burman, aged 52, who said he had carried out about one hundred salvage operations, said the seas were the worst he had seen. The coaster captain refused a "no cure, no fee" open Lloyd's contract for towing. Eventually the owners of the Union Star agreed to the contract but Captain Burman had decided by then that it

was impossible to pass a tow.
Lieutenant-Commander
Russell Smith of the United
States Navy, seconded to
Royal Naval Air Station,
Culdrose in Cornwall, said in written evidence that he captained the Seaking helicopter Rescue 80 when it was scrambled at 7.20 pm on December 19.

Twenty-five minutes later it was at the scene and made repeated runs over stricken coaster.

Families fund talks continue

Discussions are continuing between the families of the eight dead crewmen of the Penlee Life boat and the trustees of the disaster funds to decide how to distribute the £2.75m given by the

Mr John Moore, chief executive of Penwith District the coaster's side and its crew, including the coxswain Trevelyan Richards, were possibly concussed or injured. He thought they were making a desperate run for shelter but the Solomon Browne either overturned or was dashed on to rocks.

The inquest was given evidence that showed the emergency was a drama of three captains, the pilot of the Roval Navy helicopter. of dead crewmen. The dead crewmen. The dead emergency was a drama of provisions for the future well three captains, the pilot of being of the young children the Royal Navy helicopter, of dead crewmen. The dead whose rotor blades had come men all came from Mouse-

After the case: Mr Michael Bogdanov, director of the "Romans" play, and Mrs Mary Whitehouse, who brought a private prosecution against him.

'Romans' case is withdrawn

defence.

Theatre director on gross indecency charges under the Sexual Offences Act was withdrawn at the Central Criminal Court Yesterday after three rulings from the

judge.
These were that the Act applied to events on stage, that a simulated sexual act could still amount to gross indecency, and that the motive of "sexual gratifi-cation" was not an essential

motive of "sexual grain-cation" was not an essential part of the offence.

Mr Ian Kennedy, QC, representing Mrs Mary Whitehouse in her private prosecution against the dir-ector, said there was thus a prima facie case to answer.

But if Mr Michael Bogdanov,
the director, was convicted,
the consequences of any
penalty could "gravely damage" his private and proifessional life.

Mr Kennedy said Mr Bog-

danov had only staged the male rape scene in the play, The Romans in Britain, after The Romans in Britain, after discussions with National Theatre directors and advice during the hearing that the that the scene could not transgress the criminal law. "He knows that is not so", Mr Kennedy added. But the public interest would not be served by taking the prosecution further.

Mr Kennedy was explain
The Romans in Britain, after for a prosecution.

Mr Ross-Cornes agreed during the hearing that the the case yesterday that the the during the prosecution. I cond Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, for the defence, said at the end of the case yesterday that many

The case against a national ing to the court why he had heatre director on gross decided that the prosecution indecency charges under the should be stopped three days exual Offences Act was after it had started and after hearing evidence from one prosecution witness, Mr Graham Ross-Cornes, Mrs

Whitehouses's solicitor. The case, which was being widely viewed as crucial for theatre managements in determining what they could portray on stage, centred on a scene in The Romans in Britain in which a young Celt, who is also a trained Druid priest, is the subject of attempted buggery by a Roman soldier.

Roman soldier.

The play ran at the Olivier
Theatre during the autumn and winter of 1980. Mr
Bogdanov, aged 43, was
charged under the Sexual
Offences Act of 1956 for the
performances on December
19, 1980, the night when Mr
Ross-Cornes visited the
theatre with the declared
intention of determining intention of determining whether there was evidence

for a prosecution.

witnesses would have been quire." He also said that the called in Mr Bogdanov's sexual simulation would have They would have "clearly

and incontrovertibly" estab-lished that the allegation of gross indecency, which Mr Bogdanov denied, was "entirely false".

The alleged loophole in the Theatres Act, according to theatre managements, lies in an apparent omission, which meant that Mrs Whitehouse did not have to gain the permission of the Attorney General for an offence under another statute, as opposed to an offence at common law.

Mr Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the Attorney false in Mr Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre, said yesterday that the preamble to the Theatres Act, which spoke of its purpose being to "abolish censorship", clearly indicated what Parliament had in mind. The 1968 Act's criterion for a prosecution by the Attorney General was anything likely to "deprave another statute, as opposed to an offence at common law. gross indecency, which Mr Bogdanov denied, was "en-

to an offence at common law.

The ruling by Mr Justice
Staughton spoke of defence Mr Andrew Leigh, coordi-Staughton spoke of derence submissions that prosecution under section 13 of the Sexual Offences Act was "specious although technically correct".

Section 13 was acknowledged by both sides to be used typically for gross undecency between homosex immunity from prosecution.

But the judge said it was silly private prosecutione", not inconceivable that Parlia he said. ment might have exempted thearre from the 1956 Act. "But it did not do so. Whether the omission was deliberate or accidental I do not know and cannot in-

to be proved to be grossly indecent; physical contact was not a necessary part.

Science report

Early man

ate

too much

liver

By the Staff of "Nature"

tered the toxic effects of too much vitamin A. Her condition may well have arisen from over-consumption of the liver of carnivorous animals, according to DT Alan Walker of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in

the Johns Hopkins Univer-sity School of Medicine in Baltimore, Dr M Zimmer-man of the Hahmemann Medical College of Phila-delphia and Professor Richard Leakey of the National Museums of

Kenya. The skeleton examined is the most complete available example of homo erectus. It

was found in 1973 Lake

Turkana in Kenya. While the bones of its skull

appear almost normal, Dr Walker and his colleagues

find that around many of

the long bones in the skeleton's limbs there is deposited an extral layer of

coarse-woven bone up to 7

millimetres thick in parts.

That is similar to the pattern of bone disease observed in the rare cases of vitamin A toxicity that have been examined in

Although carrots, green vegetables and the liver of

herbivorous animals supply

most Westerners with more than enough vitamin A to meet the minimal dietary requirements, there is next

a toxic overdose. Because the liver of carnivorous

animals contains up to 30

times more vitamin A than that of herbivores, early polar explorers, driven to

eating seal, polar bear or husky dog liver, sometimes suffered the short-term effects of vitamin A tox-icity. These include vomit-

ing, diarrhoea and con-vulsions. Dr Walker and his col-

leagues suggest that, 1,500,000 years ago, long-term vitamin A toxicity was the result of early man

becoming an eager meat-eater. From several Kenyan sites, notably Chesowanja, of about that age, stone tools and bone fragments

from many species are first found in association with the remains of early humans. There is also evidence that our ancestors

learnt to control fire at that time. With their newly

acquired taste for meat,

members of homo erectus may have devoured large quantities of the liver of

Source: Nature, March 18 (Vol 296, p248) 1982. Nature-Times News Service

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recent times,

Close examination of the year-old ancestor of homo sapiens has suggested that the lady in question suf-fered the toxic effects of

Mr Peter Hall, director of

nator of the Theatre Defence Fund and administrative dir-ector at the Old Vic, said the Theatres act had been use.

used typically for gross indecency between homosexuals in public lavatories. We do not want to be
Most cases were said to involve direct sexual gratification.

But the index said it was sill private property in the cost of further?

Jenkins attacks call | Jewish schools' aid for return of hanging plea rejected

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

An application by three had recognized teaching independent Jewish primary qualifications; and instruction showed "grave debetaken into the maintained ficiencies instyle and qualsector as voluntary aided ity". Similar criticisms apschools has been rejected by the Government.

schools has been rejected by the Government.

The Inner London Education Authority had opposed the application, on the grounds that it would have to take over the running costs amounting to nealy film a year, and it already had surplus capacity in the maintained primary schools and therefore no desire to take on three new schools.

The Countryside Commission will cease to be under direct government where the first of the two Lubavitch schools, but the pupils in all quantities of the liver of carnivores. There is no means by which the diagnosis of Dr Walker and his colleagues can be established beyond doubt. By a process of elimination, they arrive, reasonably, at vitamin A toxicity as the most likely cause of the bone damage.

other religious faiths, such writes).
as the Muslims, would wish to follow suit. MOreove, the momous grant aided organicost would be enormous, In addition, the authority wa worried about the stan-dards in the three Jewish schools: the Yesodey Hatorah

girls' primary and the Luba-vitch House girls' and boys' primary schools, all in Hack-Yesodeh Hatorah school premises were substandard;

only three of the 18 teachers

A confidential report by ILEA inspectors said the

The Authority also feared control from April 1, under that, if accepted, more an order laid before ParliaJewish schools and those of ment yesterday (John Young

Tribute to Pc

More than 200 police officers stood in silent tribute at the funeral yesterday of Pc John Egerton, aged 20 who died in a stabbing incident near Bolton last week. Many more joined the

congregation at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic church, Farnworth, for church, Far-requiem Mass. **BOY VICTIM** IJ. OF IRA BOMB

From Richard Ford Belfast

Grieving classmates of Alan McCrum, aged 11, the victim of an IRA car bomb, formed a guard of honour as his coffin was carried into a church for the funeral service yesterday. Five hundred people, included the Rev lan Paisley, leader of the Demo-cratic Unionist Party, packed Banbridge Baptist Church while more than a thousand people listened to an outside relay of the service.

A few hundred yards away A few hundred yards away in Down's main street, shops and business premises were boarded up — a grim reminder of the 200lb bomb that exploded on Monday night instantly killing the boy as he waited for a lift to his village at Loughbrick-land.

The boy's school closed for the afternoon to allow pupils to pay their respects. In south Belfast a reserve constable with the the RUC and the prison service. It calls for more black judges and magistrates.

If the Scarman report, which advocated community involvement in policing, was an inspired document and revealed its author so be its constable with the the RUC was injured last night when two gunmen fired live shots at him as he left work at thim as he left work at Cueen's University physical education centre. He was not seriously hurt. The gunmen escaped in a stolen car.

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Senior changes at 'Times'

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Correspondent

national directors of The in the United Kingdom". Times and The Sunday Times, who are entrusted with safeguarding the newsa-papers' editorial indepen-

ward is also made a director of Times Newspaper Holdings Ltd. (TNHL), and of Times Newspapers Ltd, while resigning as an independent national director.

At the same time Mr Gerald Long ceases to be managing director of TNL, a post he has held since the takeover of the newspaper by Mr Rupert Murdoch in February, 1981. Mr Long becomes deputy chairman of News International Ltd, the parent commany.

A vacancy has occured in all his responsibilities as among the six independent chief executive of the group Mr Long is succeeded by Mr Bill Gillespie, the present deputy managing director. Mr Gillespie, who has been heavily involved in negowhich the Government believes is a big contribution to
Information Technology
Year (Our Labour Staff
writes).

The interim two-year
agreement includes a government guarantee of no comment guarantee of no commulsory redundancies

with safeguarding the newsadeputy managing director.
Mr Gillespie, who has been
heavily involved in negotiations with the print unions
over the last month over
manning cuts, was until
papers Ltd (TLN). Sir Edment guarantee of no commulsory redundancies

Newspapers Ltd. . Sir Edward already represents News International on the board of William Collins and Sons Ltd, in which it has a stake of just

over 42 per cent.
Sir Edward, editor of The Daily Express, between 1957-62, is likely to be replaced by a journalist or former journalist. He was with Mr John Gross, the former editor of The Times Literary parent company.

A statement issued by the independent directors who, company last night said that under the terms of the Mr Long "in that capacity constitution, are selected for will be assisting Mr Murdoch

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor Glasgow

There was a case for a new 7 per cent, which Mr Jenkins and substantial programme insisted was exactly what of prison building, Mr Roy Jenkins said im Glasgow yesterday.

The SDP-Liberal Alliance candidate in the Glasgow, a former Labour Home and not for publication, but, Secretary, said that the 'call by the Police Federation for the restoration of capital punishment tended to direct attention from the real issues. He said that the Conservatives were reaping the whirlwind of trying to make law and order a party sisue at the last general election.

There was a case for a new 7 per cent, which Mr Jenkins insisted was exactly what they and they wanted a this stage; it gave the alliance everything to play for.

Mr Malone said Conservative canvassed returns were and not for publication, but, as it happened, they showed him in the lead.

Mr David Wiseman, the Labour candidate, remained aloof from that argument but the whirlwind of trying to make law and order a party canvassed 71 per cent of Hillhead voters. He did not believe that any campaign lection.

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Mr Jenkins recalled that had ever achieved so high a election.

capital punishment, resulted The SNP claim that in a defeat for the idea of own canvassing shows Mrs Margaret Thatcher re- 18 to 19 per cent garded as conclusive. Another vote in the Commons support from Mr Neil Kinwould yield the same result. nock, Opposition spokesman The traditional battles of on education, who in a canvassing statistics began speech at Glasgow University

the last Commons vote on level of contact.
capital punishment, resulted The SNP claim that their restoration in a way that even rock" nationalist support of

yesterday. Mr Jenkins's stracked the proposed 4 per campaign managers put out cent increased in student figures which showed him grants as a cut in real terms. ahead by 24 per cent to 21 He said that Sir Keith per cent for the Conservative Joseph, Secretary of State candidate, Mr Gerald Malone, for Education, was "introwith Labour at per cent and ducing a student loans system Scottish National party at tem through the back door

The law and order debate

MPs back move to restore birching

corporal punishment as a criminal sanction for boys criminal sanction for boys servative MP for Hemel aged between 10 and 18 Hempstead, has tabled a new Frances Gibb writes). The clause, expected to be

debated next Tuesdaty in committee, has attracted 18 signatures from Tory MPs despite the ruling of the European Court of Human Courts which declared cor-poral punishment in the Isle of Man illegal.

Mr Vivian Bendall, Con-servative MP for Redbridge, Ilford, North, one of the four committee members who supports the clause, said yesterday that with growing calls for tougher sanctions against crime, the clause's chances of success were

chances of success were growing daily.

The clause spells out at length, the means, time, place and manner of a whipping to be inflicted on a boy by order of magistrates.

The sanction would be available on summary conviction where young boys had available on summary conviction where young boys had assaulted or beaten another person, used provoking language or behaviour tending to a breach of the peace, or committed an act of criminal

The court would have to state the number of strokes to be inflicted. A cane would be used on boys aged 10 to 14, and a birch rod on those aged 14 to 18. The maximum would be six strokes for the

Conservative support grew tion of curfew orders for as a sanction for certain vesterday for a new clause young offenders between the offences under the Vagrancy tabled to the Crimnal Justice ages of 10 and 21. (Anthony Act, 1824. Some 150 tramps Bill which would bring in Bevins writes). Mr Nicholas Lyell, Con-

clause to the Criminal Justice Bill which would allow the rounts to order youngsters to stay at home for specified periods between 6pm and 6am weekdays, and from noon on Saturdays and "It has already been shown

to be successful as a con-dition of bail", he said. Curfew orders, which would be made only with the approval of parents would be designed to reinforce the authority of the family and would punish offenders by keeping them at home when they would most like to be

It is understood that the Home Office is attracted to the idea, six of the 10 Tory backbenchers on the Crimi-nal Justice Bill committee support it, as does Mr Alfred Dubs, Labour MP for Battersea South. Other Labour MPs oppose it, however.

Tramps: Sleeping rough to be legal

Tramps and vagrants will no longer be imprisoned for sleeping rough and begging, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, promised yesterday (Francis Gibb writes).

He said the Government latter and 12 for the latter. would bring in an amend-The Government is exment to the Criminal Justice pected to back the introduc-Bill to abolish imprisonment

offences under the Act.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP For Ormskirk, told MPs that ending imprisonment for such minor offences would reduce the prison population. The of-fences caused very little annoyance and were cer-tainly not dangerous, and imprisonment was not a deterrent to tramps.

The Home Office should urgently review its recruitment of black probation officers and look at the number of blacks being sent to prison, the National Association of Probation Officers says in two documents published yesterday (Lucy Hodges writes).

It points to "frequent

It points to "frequent nintended bias and prejudice" in the probation service, the courts, the police and the prison service. It calls for more black judges

involvement in policing, an inspired document and revealed its author to be "a prophet whose wisdom we ignore at our peril", Mr Alderson, Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, Said yesterday (the Press Association reports).

The way forward was by such methods, not by a method of the methods of the methods

The following rates of interest will apply from 1st April 1982 until further notice. income tax at 30% 12.50% **Share Accounts** 10.75% 15.36% **Premium Interest Shares** 13.93% **Higher Interest Shares** 10.00% 14.29% Savings Plan Accounts 12.50% 8.75% Monthly Income Shares 12.14% Deposit Accounts (Ordinary Personal) Flexible Term Shares and The rate of interest on all Term Shares and Investment Certificates — Certificates will be reduced by 1% Mortgages: Interest on new mortgages and existing mortgages with account numbers commencing 91,94 and 96 will be reduced by 1.5% on 1st April 1982. A similar reduction will apply to all other existing mortgages from 1st May 1982. The normal effect of this reduction will be to shorten the term of repayment mortgages: however, where present monthly payments are based on at least a 15% interest table, they can be reduced on request to

the Society's branch concerned. Details of revised monthly payments will be sent to endowment mortgage borrowers towards the end of March 1982. WOOLWICH

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Whitelaw to set up inquiry on cable TV control

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favour an entirely different system of control.

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Mark McCormack organiza-tion, whose clients include

Bjorn Borg and Angela Rippon has the exclusive rights to handle the bear's

The Home Secretary is to investment and employment at up a formal inquiry into which will accrue to the set up a formal inquiry into the impact of cable and satellite broadcasting on tele-vision standards

Mr William Whitelaw is acutely concerned that the imminent increase in the number of television channels, with the first stage of a national cable television system operating within 18 months and with more than 30 channels ultimately from cable links, will mean loss of

control over content.

The fear is that standards will slump, with pornography and other substandard material being broadcast by unscrupulous operators.

Satellite and cable broadcasting will involve a number of go-betweens, including programme makers

programme-makers, oper-ators who beam programmes up to satellites, those who own or lease satellite facili-ties, people receiving the own or lease satellite ractities, people receiving the
satellite pictures, which
might then be distributed by
cable. That multiplicity of
input and output, with some
people linked into the system
directly by rooftop dishaerials, has greatly disturbed

the Home Secretary. He has stated that the maintenance of broadcasting standards was one of the most important Home Office

most important Home Office Rippon, has the exclusive problems for the future, and rights to handle the bear's Mr Whitelaw's anxiety will international programme. Have been increased by the powerful commercial and part of the Welsh channel's industrial lobby which has output, which expects 40 to been mobilized behind the 50 countries to order his films quite quickly. The The Prime Minister will so countries to order his films quite quickly. The Superted toy bear will soon be in the shops and he is to make appearances at a Cannology Advisory Panel's nes telivision festival next month as well as at the All-Government is expected to approve an early start on cable television and commercial satellite broadcasting.

The departments of indus-

cable television and commercial satellite broadcasting.

The departments of industry and employment have, in mack agency, said the organizational, pressed for unitational that the welsh would seem to have been the corner welsh language aside to some extent. swept aside, to some extent, the corner Welsh in the rush for the undoubted television channel".

US clear on Ulster policy, says Haughey

From Our Correspondent Dublio

space age television era. Nevertheless, Mr Whitelaw will amounce on Monday the setting-up of a special in-quiry panel, to be headed by a prominent public figure, to investigate implications for standards, affectionately known in Whitehall as the

The inquiry is expected to discuss a supervisory frame-work, either in the form of a statutory body like the Inde-pendent Broadcasting Auth-ority or a system of self-regulation like the Press Council, although it was stressed last night that the final recommendation might

Mr Haughey said the primary political purpose of the visit had been to explain to President Reagan and his administration the policy of the Republic in relation to Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland

Britain was not told in advance that Mr Haughey proposed to ask for intervention by the United States on the Norther Ireland question, the Foreign Office said yesterday, (the Press Association reports).

President Reagan's statement indicating that the United States did not intend to intervene in Irish affairs ter in the stories by Michael Young, has been adopted by the Welsh fourth television chamel for its marketing drive (Kenneth Gosling writes). A deal has been announced by which the

United States did not intend to intervene in Irish affairs was warmly welcomed yesterday in Whitehall.

Mr. Haughey urged the Reagan administration to support the unification of Ireland as a foreign policy objective. His appeal was regarded as the strongest made for a united Ireland by an Irish Prime Minister visiting the United States.

The Foreign Office said: "we welcome Mr. Reagan's

we welcome Mr Reagan's statement on the occasion of St Patrick's day. The state-ment as a whole not least his renewal of the proposition that continued violence even by a misguided few can only frustrate the desire for neces frustrate the desire for peace of the overwhelming ma-jority of the entire comm-unity in Northern Ireland".



Mr Charles Haughey, Prime
Minister of the Irish Republic said in Dublin yesterday
on his return from a visit to
the United States, believed
Pesident Reagan fully appetiated his policy of seeking a
British withdrawal from
Northern Ireland.
Mr Haughey said: "At this

Mr Haughey said: "At this stage I am only interested in outlining for him the problem as we see it and the lines along with which we think a solution should emerge. The follow up to that will come later. He was fully appreciative of my outline of the position and he fully under-stood the lines along which I think a solution can be found."

The annual report of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art, "indefinite stop" which nearly a year out of date as usual, was published yester-day and contained two challenging highlights. For the treasure has been disallowed. first time the committee, guardians of Britain's national heratage, have taken into account the "interests of the European and, indeed, the international cultural heritage" and allowed the export of a work of art.



New beginning for Land's End

Mr David Goldstone (above), the new owner of Land's End, taking a close look yesterday at the 105 acres of Britain's most famous piece of coastline on which he plans to spend approaching £3m. (Our Bodmin Correspondent writes). Mr Goldstone, a property millionaire, viewed his acquisition after discussions with local planning official

local planning officials. On the rockstrewn clifftop he disclosed that he intends a £750,000 restoration for the craggy bit of Britain which attracts about one million visitors a year yet was once described by its previous owner as a

"tourist slum".

Mr Goldstone, aged 53, has bought
Land's End complete with a house
that was once an hotel, an assortment of outbuildings and a public

In his plans the public house is to stay and so is a large building named State House, but the other buildings are likely to go. In their place he

How the choir stalls of Buxheim were sent home

The second highlight is a Saviour's Hospital, London, new mechanism called the "indefinite stop" which guards against the refusal of at Hythe. In 1980 the convent

The committee rallied to the standard of the "international heritage" in the case of a group of Baroque carved wood choir stalls

Removed from Buxheim in the 1880s they were installed.

the 1880s they were installed forst om the chapel of St

and then, in 1964, in the Convent of the Presentation at Hythe. In 1980 the convent decided to sell and Sotheby's

negotoated their purchase for £450,000 by the Bavarian authorities for reinstallation at Buxheim.

While the committee agreed

with their expert adviser from the Victoria and Albert

Museum that the stalls quali-

fied for an export stop on the grounds of outstanding

plans a building to house a permanent exhibition of Cornish crafts
Renovation will not start until the
autumn of 1983. Mr Goldstone said:
"Land's End was here long before
any of us and it will be here long
after we have all gone. There is no

merit in rushing because we want to make Land's End something of which we can be really proud and which people can visit and not go away feeling disappointed over what they have seen " they have seen,"

aesthetic

and scholarly

interest, they conceded that Buxheim had a prior claim.

When the export of an object has been delayed by

the committee to allow a British gallery time to raise

the purchase price, and the money has been found, owners have sometimes re-

fused to sell.
Under the new rules the

owner's willingness to sell

will be queried before fund-raising is attempted.

recruiting members among white-collar staff. The link has been forged between the white-collar section of Mr Frank Chapple's electricians' union and the Engineers' and Managers' Association (EMA) in an attempt to win negotiating rights from engineering Mr Chapple and Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the EMA, were both scathing

HOME NEWS

unions

Challenge

to left by

managers'

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

Sharp political divisions

mong unions representing senior managers in the

senior managers in the engineering and shipbuilding industries were highlighted yesterday when two rightwing unions combined to challenge the left-wing leaderships of two other unions

yesterday about the attitudes adopted by Mr Clive Jen-kins's white-collar Associ-ation of Scientific, Technical ation of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) and Tass, the white-collar section of the Amalga-mated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW). Mr Chapple said he be-lieved those unions would

between his white-collar managerial section, the Elecrrical and Engineering Staff Association (EESA), and the MA, "or at least I hope they

The agreement on pro-educes the two unions are to adopt on recruiting and representation will cover about 15,000 staff in engineering and shipbuilding.

Mr Chapple said he be-lieved the new link with the EMA would provide man-agers with the choice of a "less politically biased me-dium" than Tass and ASTMS. The prime aim of the agreement between EESA and the EMA, which will also cover membership in the aerospace industry, will be to persuade employers that recognition ought to be granted on the basis that the two unions would not be involved in recruitment bat-

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Forest 'land army' of young urged

A "land army" of young Court in Edinburgh was tout people could be recruited to yesterday.

Mr. Hugh Morton, QC, 250,000 hectares (1,000 square miles) of unproductive woodland in Britain, it was suggested yesterday (Our Agriculture Correspondent

writes). Mr Douglas Badham, chairman of the Economic Forestry Group and deputy chairman of the Welsh Development Agency, told the group's annual lunch in that his proposal would bring economic benefit

Deported sect members fly in

Relatives of three young members of the Unification Church failed to persuade them to return to their homes when they arrived at Heathrow Airport yesterday after being deported from the United States for overstaying

The three, Mr Christopher The three, Mr Christopher Barnard, aged 21, from Dorking, Surrey, Miss Nichola Raine, aged 27, from Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, and Miss Philippa Chaimberlain, aged 26, from Crowborough, Sussex, left with other members of the church.

Plessey vote ends sit-in

An eight week occupation at the Plessey factory, Bath-gate ended yesterday when the workers voted to accept an offer from another company, Arcotronics, to keep open the factory initially employing only 80 of the 330 workforce. Plessey's planned closure of the plant on March 31 led to the sit-in.

New inquiry into police

A second investigation into allegations against Dorset police is to be carried out by Mr James Brownlow, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire. The allegations, made by the Dorset County Post, are of abuse of police powers

in the 1970s. Two years ago, Ar James investigated undisclosed allegations against Dorset Police, but the Director of Public

Queen to visit son on ship

The Queen is to see Prince Andrew at work on the carrier HMS Invinciple, With Prince Edward, she will visit the anti-submarine vessel off Portsmouth next month. Prince Andrew, who is 22, joined the ship in January in

Rape complainant 'shouldn't get aid' From Jonathan Wills, Edinburgh

counsel for one of the youths allegedly involved, told Lord the other side of the fence. I Emslie, the Lord Iustice do not know positively", he General, that since the Crown said. General, that since the Crown had dropped its own proceedings, it would be "grossly unfair for the state to get round that by the backdoor, through paying somebody through paying somebody adverse publicity". After aforting to contacts between

further submissions from said there were questions counsel for the three youths about the motivation for about publicity the case had seeking a private pros-received allegedly including ecution. "Who is the true the publication of evidence. complainer?" he asked. The judges were given files on four newspapers, the Daily Record, Daily Express, the Evening Times of Glasgow and The Sunday Times.

Mr Donald Macaulay, QC, said that the Daily Record's reports were the most significant. It had started the publicity on January 13 by revealing that the Crown had

The woman in the Glasgow how such documents are rape and assault case who is to the press. trying to bring a private Mr Macaulay said it was prosecution against her aleged assailants should not be leged assailants should not be defence solicitors' precoggiven legal aid, the High miton papers could have reached the Daily Record, yesterday.

Mr Hugh Morton, QC, ardy. "The source of the story must be someone on The woman in the Glasgow how such documents had got

ecution." Lord Emslie said referring to contacts between the did not think there was "Mrs X", the Glasgow any suggestion of that woman aged 29, and the Earlier the court heard Daily Express, Mr Macaulay complainer?" he asked.
"Who is really motivating

Mr Morton said that from the information available there had not necessarily been any material change in the complainant's state of

health since last September.

If the private prosecution were allowed and "Mrs X" were allowed and "Mrs X"
were again shown to be unfit
to testify, there would be a
further delay and another
flood of publicity.

After further legal debate
Lord Emslie adjourned the
hearing until today when it is

dropped the prosecution.

Any article in the Daily
Record on January 19 indicated that a reporter had been given access to police motebooks on the case, Mr Macaulay said. Lord Cameron, sitting with Lord Emslie and Lord Avonside, asked later date.

Mail robbers exposed by woman 'supergrass'

He was one of 21 people to appear as a result of infor-mation given by Miss Zenith

Travellers' cheques worth police they were already more than a quarter of a investigating and had photomillion pounds, jewelry and graphed and followed Gentry, other valuables were stolen

from the trains.
Gentry lived with Miss Meer, aged 34, in a council ton Street, Islington, north flat in Seldon Walk, Hollo- London and collecting stoler way, north London. The flat cheques. Wisbey, aged 51, was used as a distribution denied the charge but gave centre for the stolen goods no evidence and called no centre for the stolen goods according to Miss Meer, who went to the police after her affair with Gentry began to go wrong and assaulted her.

He and two other men. John Dore-Mullins and Salvatore Santoro, travelled regularly from London on mail trains, and sat near the mail carriage, the court was told: Gentry told Miss Meer he had "a guard in his pocket" and access to the mailbags. his role as a helicopter pilot .The men, who always. flying Sea Kings with the carried suitcases, were front line 820 Squadron. photographed by transport

Thomas Wisbey, jailed in police at King's Cross and 1964 for his part in the Great followed. They never com-Train Robbery, was con-pleted their journeys, but left. Train Robbery, was convicted at the Central Criminal the trains, usually at a
Court yesterday of handling Midlands station where they
travellers' cheques stolen were met by car and taken
from mail trains.

Description of the pros-Thomas, QC, for the pros-ecution, said.

Miss Meer, who was under armed police protection, told Miss Meet, described as Britain's armed police protection, told first "supergrass". Her former boyfriend, William Gentry, leader of the gang that informer for revenue or stole the cheques, was also money.

By the time she went to the Mullins and Santoro.

Miss Meer described going to Wisbey's home in Reming-London, and collecting stolen

Gentry, aged 49, of Upper ismore Walk, Islington London, and Santoro, aged 36, of no fixed address. 30, of no fixed defraud denied conspiring to defraud American Express of travel lers' cheques and conspiracy to steal mail. Both were convicted. Dore-Mullins, aged 60, of Claphane Road, Islington, admitted his part. The four men and 15 other people involved in the rob-beries will be sentenced



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The Prime Minister does no think that corporal punishment will return to this country, and during question time in the Commons she spreed with Mr James Callagham, her predecessor, that neither of them had any influence on crime statistics. Labour MPs protested loudly and laughed when Mrs Thatcher appeared at one stage to search through her papers and then said that murders were at their greatest during the last Government, but she later corrected this to say that she had been thinking of the numbers of police killed while on duty.

When he was questioned earlier, Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, emphasized the need for effective policing. He did not accept that vigilantes in society could be right. People who wanted to help should join the Special Constabulary, he said.

He indicated he hoped to bring forward proposals, on new police nowers and said it was important

forward proposals on new police powers and said it was important that the police got the help and advice of the communities they served through discussions with their police authorities. He was their police authorities. He was encouraging all police forces to

do that.

There will be debates on law and order in the House of Lords next Wednesday and the House of Commons on Thursday.

When Mrs Thatcher was questioned, R John Carlisle (Luton, West, C) asked: Does she agree that the remarks made yesterday by Mr Callaghan, where he linked the rise in crime with the rise in the state of the control of unemployment, was typically unhelpful and misleading? Figures released yesterday show that crime in Bedfordshire has risen by 30 per cent, mainly by children under 16. It is about time this House rintroduced corporal punish-

ment. Mrs Thatcher: So far as I am aware, crime statistics do not show in any way a simple correlation between unemployment and crime. (Labour Intrrup-tions). They do not, in fact, show any simple correlation between unemployment and crime.

About what Mr Carlisle suggests about corporal punishment,

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Edgehill, Li: Will the Prime Minister find time to consider what additional assistance can be given to the victims of violent crime, particularly with tele-phones and intruder alarms, to

people of pensionable age?

In a constituency like mine with 50 per cent unemployment and an increase in crime, is it not a case if the devil finding work for idle hands. for idle hands.
Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Bromley,
Orpington, C): In spite of the
valliant efforts of the Home
Secretary to which I and my
Conservative colleagues pay
tribute (Loud Labour laughter)
the causes of crime are deepthe caurses of crime are deep-seated and various. They include subjects like the family, school, church, television and many

church, television and many others.
Will she therefore consider whether we do not need to take action on these fronts, as well as the criminal law?

Mrs Thatcher: I entirely agree that the causes of crime are deep. If self-discipline breaks down in Mrs thatcher: I entirely agree that the causes of crime are deep. If self-discipline breaks down in part of society, that is the difficulty with some of the problems we are seeing now.

It is vital for all citizens to stand staunchly behind the police in carriers out their duty of

in carrying out their duty of upholding the law. Mr Alfred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab): Can the Prime Minister explain wby for each 'year since she became Prime Minister, the number of serious crimes has increased while, when Mr Callaghan was Prime Minister, the number declined, in 1977, 1978 and into 1979?

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab): That is right. Mrs Thatcher: Mr Dubs will find that murders were at their greatest during the time of the last Government

Mrs Thatcher looked through a sheaf of papers while Labour MPs protested. She went on: I was trying to find the precise figure but I was

Mr Callaghan, waving a piece of paper, said: As a matter of simple the Metropolitan Police should statistical fact, is it not the case insist on using ethnic statistics that serious crimes, offences for muggings and refuse point

do not think that it will return recorded by the police, of violence against the person, burglary, robbery, handling of stolen goods and criminal damage declined each year when I was Prime Miniser and have gone was prime minister. was rinne minister and day gone
up each year since? (Loud
Labour cheers)
Despite what Mrs Thatcher
said in her election speeches,
neither she nor I has any
influence at all on those
statistics. (Laughter) Mrs Thatcher: I am grateful to Mr Callaghan for his last comment, which is obviously correct I cannot reinforce what I said about the number of murders. (Labour interruptions) I was thinking about something

I therefore give the House the

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas): MPs have not got a right to shout down if they do not like what they are hearing. All this is ruining Prime Minister's question time.

A Labour MP: Try again Maggie.

The Speaker: Does the Prime

Mrs Thatcher: I think I have made the point sufficiently. They are making a triviality of something which is extremely

heing published and had agreed they should be.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham West, Lab) asked him: In dealing with crimes of violence, does the Home Secretary believe it is

ecessary to get the statistics

ight? Does he think it was fair that

relevant statistics of which I was thinking, which I had in my mind, although it was not all Callaghan: No influence

> blank to collect that information on anything else, particularly on the people they themselves stop and search in the streets and are later acquitted or no charges are

> mr Whitelaw: There were a great many rumours and a great many allegations before these statistics were published. I believe that the truth is far better than rumour and allegations; that is why it was right for the Metropolitan Police to publish the truth in their statistics.
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> The truth does help to make

The truth does help to make the leaders of any community realize that they could help and assist the police to isolate the tiny and small minority in their communities of criminals who are causing all the trouble. The Metropolitan Police were right to break down crime statistics into ethnic groups of affenders, Mc Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, said when he was questioned. He added that he knew in advance of the statistics

Police deserve support not criticism The Metropolitan Police de-

served the support of MPs and the community and not endless criticism, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, said during other ques-tions on the number of crimes of violence made known to the police during the past 10 years.



Thatcher: I agree

Mr Mayhew said that about 100,000 offences of violence against the person were recorded by the police in England and Wales in 1981, which was just over twice as many as in 1971. Mr Edward Taylor (Southend, East, C): Will he look again with an open mind at the introduction of stronger deterrents, even for a trial period, as a means of curbing crime, including the introduction of capital punish-ment, corporal punishment and Mr Mayhew: There is shortly to

be in the committee on the Criminal Justice Bill a debate upon corporal punishment and I am looking forward to that with keen anticipation. (laughter) One keen anticipation. (laughter) One hears that the House may have a similar opportunity in respect of capital punishment. Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Orma

kirk, Labj: Neither capital nor corporal punishment has ever been an effective deterrent. The cause for concern about the increase in serious crime is the economic policies that have led to it and the clear failure of, for example, the Metropolitan Police to catch criminals.

Mr Mayhew: The Metropolitan

Police face an enormously complex, even dangerous and difficult task, and they deserve the support of this House and the community, not endless criti-

More coloured

policemen

average.
Mr Raison told him: On January
31, 1982, eight Merseyside police
officers — 0.17 per cent of the

.. Does he accept that until the height restrictions are removed, many Asians applying to join and being turned down will continue to be refused admission to the police force.

press.

As for height restrictions, it is possible for chief constables to lower the height limit if they so desire, but as a general principle we do not believe it right to lower the standards of the police to meet the standards.

meet the point.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C): It is essential to maintain the highest possible standard in recruiting to the police, and therefore questions converging a percentage being

HOUSE OF LORDS Lord Stewart of Fulham, for the Opposition, referred to a motion he had tabled expressing confidence that the Government of Canada, in consultation with The British Government believed The British Government believed that outstanding disagreements in Canada over the Canada Bill were a matter for the people, the provinces and the Canadian Parliament to decide. Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

He was moving the second reading of the Bill which transfers to Canada the power to amend the Canadian constitution and repeals the power of the British Parliament to legislate for that country.

Canada, in consultation with representatives of the aboriginal peoples, would use the according peoples, would use the provisions of the Bill to promote their

welfare.

He said they were now told on the highest legal authority that the responsibility for carrying out any duties they accepted under treaties made with the aboriginal peoples belonged to aboriginal peoples belonged to the parliament and government of Canada. They could not dispute that legal decision, though a number of laymen still have an uneasy thought at he back of their mind. Lord Carrington said the Supreme Court of Canada con-sidered that the consent of all the

sidered that the consent of all the Canadian provinces was not required, by law or constitutional convention, to the making of the request to Britain by the Canadian Parliament to bring about this historic change in Canada's constitution. Support had come from nine out of 10 provinces, a substantial measure of provincial consent. back of their mind.

The Indians were not a party to the emergence of Canada to full independence. It must be difficult for them to accept the proposition that Britain's obligations under those treaties had now been banded over to Canada, despite the fact that they were never asked whether they wanted that transfer to be made.

But there was a larger issue. provinces, a substantial measure of provincial consent.

The British Government felt the Canadians themselves should decide these matters for them-selves and the disagreement did not provide grounds for declining that transfer to be made.

But there was a larger issue.

This was the question of the treatment by a great and powerful nation, mainly of European stock, of people of entirely different race who were not provide grounds for declining to act.

Somewhat similar considerations applied to the indigenous populations of Canada whose existing rights were specifically recognized in the constitution Act which formed a schedule to the bill. But some Indian groups were dissatisfied with it. They wanted more safeguards.

The British Government had always felt that any treaty or

population.

This was not merely a national but an international question. They had seen great evils springing from the oppression of minority races, from their being treated with a denial of justice, or, what could sometimes be

a minority and almost in every way the weakest section of the

always felt that any treaty or other obligations on Indian interests became the responsibility of the government of Canada when that nation attained independence or, at the latest, with the Statute of Westminster 1931 However, some Indian in 1931. However, some Indian groups had bought proceedings in the British courts, seeking to rely on their ancient treaties with the Crown.

The Bill would remove the one remaining formal qualification to the independence of Canada. Since the British North America Act, 1867, Canada had been either

Stewart: Moral obligation to the Indians worse, a lack of imagination and

sympathy.

In a matter where the principle involved was so great and of such world-wide application, where unquestionably they must feel some moral obligation towards the Indians, they ought at least to make some expression of opi-

In 1931 the Statute of Wes-tminster annulled the power of the British Parliament to legis-late for the dominions, with one exception. Canadians had been unable to agree among them-selves to a formula for amending their constitution. So it was at Canadian request that Britain's power was retained. If the Bill was published, there was no possibility that the Supreme Court—as had been suggested in the Commons—would or could/declare the constitutional Act of 1982 ultra The Government considered that the fact that legal proceedings were pending was no impediment to Parliament proceeding, if it thought fit, to discuss and enact legislation despite the fact that the legislation if enacted might determine the outcome of the litigation or render its continuation pointless. vires and void. The question was substantially decided against Quebec last September and there was no plausible grounds for delay in passing this Bill.

Lord Shaughnessy, in a maiden speech, said he was a Canadian and had become a peer in 1944, and having lived most of his life in Canada had not had an earlier occasion on which to address the House. He apologized for the

delay.

This Bill would be the beginning of a new, and he hoped mutually rewarding relationship between Canada and Britain. The the passage of the Bill but would refrain from either criticizing it or defending its detailed conor defending its detailed con-tents. The House should be realistic and not over-concerned at the residual controversy surrounding this Bill. Canada was a large and diverse federal country in which political auth-ority was not concentrated as it was in the United Kingdom. The draft in its present form was the result of a long period of internal consultation in Canada. The great majority of Canadians wanted their constitution lodged in Canada.

in Canada.

Nevertheless, there were some specific provisions of the instrument which were strongly opposed in different parts of Canada for different reasons, and he shared some of these legitimate misgivings. The concerns were about the rights of the native people of Canada, the Indians of Canada just as well political and cultural position of as Britain had in the past. Quebec, the linguistic rights of minorities and the application of some of the charter of rights in the schedule to the Bill.

Canada's record had been soften had the each of the hoped to the rwise would, he hoped be a construction. present settlement in recognizing Canada's record had been would, he hoped, be a the diverse interests involved to better than most on the question tive and helpful debate.

Canada must decide its future minorities. All native people had the franchise, and, despite some assertions to the contrary, had engaged in consultations with the federal government at mining the contract of engaged in consultations with the federal government at ministerial and cabinet committee level. All the desires of the native people had not yet been satisfied, but the moral imperative of this issue had been suitably impressed on them by the federal and provincial governments in Canada. Consultation would continue, leading to a gradual solution.

The Bill was the result of a compromise, some might say a characteristically Canadian compromise, but no compromise solution to any problem could ever be entirely satisfactory to all sides. Casting a shadow over the future of the Canadian confederfuture of the Canadian confederation was the concept that had come to be called separatism.

In Canada, they would have to find a solution if the country was to develop and prosper as it rightly should.

This Pill (he said) does not exist all the accidence of the

canadians, but in political terms we are the masters of our fate and the captains of our differences must be made in Canada. I therefore commend this Bill.

Lord Aylestone (SDP) said what worried the aboriginals in was the fear about what was likely to happen after the Canadian constitution had been patriated. They warried that their treaties and rights might be

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eroded.

He recalled that at the 1966
Commonwealth Prime Ministers'
conference a lot of countries
were highly critical of the United were highly critical of the United Kingdom about the handling of Rhodesian affairs, but the Canadians were particularly helpful to Britain.

I cannot believe (he said) any Canadian government today would behave any less well in matters of human rights than they did in the past.

His party felt the best service they could do to their cousins was to get the Bill onto the statute book.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev Albert Trillo, said no peer, particularly no one on the Bishop's beaches, wished to oppose the return of full power of legislation to Canada.

But we just wish to be assured (he said) that our international obligations have been met and that we have done everything in our power to ensure that the protection given by the Crown to the Indians is safeguarded.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C), the Lord Home of the Birsel (C), the former Prime Minister, said it was his great-great-grandfather,

Lord Durham, who wrote the Durham report which set up the first constitution for Canada. This is to some extent for me (he Said) unfinished business. When he was Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations in the late fifties, patriation was occasionally nooted. He had taken a definite view

that, after the North America Act and the Statute of Westminster, the Canadian Parliament and the the Canadian Fariament and the Parliament of Westminster were equal in status and that, therefore, should a request for patriation be made with the authority of Canadian Parliament and a measure of support from the provinces, the correct re-sponse for the British Parliament

sponse for the British Parliament was to great that request.
Plainly (he continued) the future constitutional development of Canada must be settled from now on in Canada by Canadians for Canadians. (Che-He could see no reason why

the elected representatives of the Canadian people would no

New powers envisaged for police LAW AND ORDER

Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, announced during questions about measures to combat the rising level of violent compat the rising level of violent crime, that he hoped to bring forward proposals on new police powers which had been rec-ommended by the Royal Com-mission on Criminal Procedure. When Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North, C) called for the introduction of new measures to combat the rising level of violent crime, Mr Whitelaw replied: the Government has already increased the ment has already increased the strength of the police service to a record level. The full benefit of this will be felt as new officers are trained and become fully

depends upon the active support and cooperation of the local communities. I am taking steps to encourage and develop this. Mr Marlow: At a time when one of our citizens falls victim to or our citizens rais victim to crime every five minutes, day and night, the public is massively reassured that he is spearheading the campaign against these crimes. We should be considering new and effective measures to abate this appathing increase in

Will be reassure the public that he will bring forward these measures if he feels they are necessary, whatever institutions outside may consider? Mr Whitelaw: I accept the great

Mr Whitelsw: I accept the great concern about this. At the same time it is fair to point out what the Government has done, and is doing — with the wide range of penalties available to the magistrates and judges in the Criminal Justice Bill; and the prison building programme and prison maintenance to ensure that those whom the judges and magistrates whom the judges and magistrates decide to send to prison, should have places there.

The wide range of penalties available in the Criminal Justice Bill, carrying out our election manifesto, is another step in the right direction. That is the right Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab): All of us are opposed to the rising crime and all of us seek to diminish it by effective policing. The dispute is about what is the nature of effective policing.

Where real community policing has been tried, as in Handsworth, it has cut the crime rate on the streets. That is why many of us are supporting comunity polic-ing, because it is effective. Ing, because it is effective.

Mr Whitelaw: The talk about community policing seems to be bedevilling our policing system. What we want is effective policing which means harnessing the support, encouragement and help of the local community from which any police service springs. (Conservative cheers)

(Conservative cheers)
Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St
Edmunds, C): While no one has
done more than the Home
Secretary to improve the
numbers and the morale of the
police service, what is he doing
in respect of the greater powers
that were recommended by the
royal commission, the longer
training recommended by Lord
Scarman, and the greater Scarman, and the greater standardization of equipment, particularly radio equipment, which in too many cases is incompatible between one force

Mr Whitelaw: I hope to be able to bring forward proposals which will implement some part of the Royal Commission on Criminal

and another?



powers. We are making progress on training in all forces and i am encouraging the provision of the right equipment as well.

Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (West Bromwich, East, Lab): Is the Home Secretary satisfied with the deployment and tactics of police forces, particularly in inner city areas, and that police authorities have the right to discuss such matters in areas like Greater Manchester? Greater Manchester?
That would lead to a more visible police force on the streets and be a far greater deterrent to crime than the unhealthy blood lust shown by some of the Home

Secretary's more eccentric sup-porters. (Labour cheers). Mr Whitelaw: It is important that the police get the help and advice of the community they serve through discussions with their police authorities. That is part of the business of the Police Act

that is what I am encouraging in all police forces throughout the

Vigilantes in society unacceptable ☐ Mr Nicholas Winterton (Mac

Clessield, C) asked if the Home Secretary was satisfied that the projected increase in police strength in England and Wales was sufficient to deal with the recent increase in crimes of all categories and marticularly with categories and particularly with

Mr Whitelaw: Yes. At the end of January, the total strength of the police service in England and Wales was 119,508. This is an increase of 9,562 compared with With the further increase in

the police strength already provided for in the next 12 months this gives chief officers of police more officers than ever before to carry out the many tasks we expect from our police Mr Winterton: Violent crime

against the person is now as important a matter in people's important a matter in people's minds as unemployment. With the increase in violent crime, including the setting up of vigilante groups within inner city areas, the situation is growing serious indeed.

What further example can this flower size to expert the courts. What further example can this flouse give to ensure the courts of this land not only have the sentences to mete out that fit the crime, but they mete out sentences so that punishment is this country fits the serious crimes being committed?

crimes being committed? Mr Whitelaw: I appreciate what he says. I entirely support him in his anxiety about the increases, particularly burglary and street crimes, which are certainly serious indeed and which must be tackled not only by this House, the police service, and the Government, but by the whole of the community. It is only by a concerted effort that we shall the community the community that we shall the community that we shall the community the community that we shall the community that the community that the community the community the community that the community the community that the community the community that the community that the community that the community that the community the community that the comm succeed against these particular crimes. For the benefit of those people

who seem to think there is North-West, Lab: We are spensomething wrong, the first thing is to have a strong police service. When you have it strong, you need it effective. That is right,

what else, but we have more crime now than ever in our history. Why is that?

Mr Whitelaw: Yes, and the community as a whole needs to examine these factors. There are many reasons for it, but no and the Government is directed towards that. I do not accept that vigilantes I do not accept that vigilantes in our society can be right. If those people who want to help will do so, they could joint the special constables where many good tasks are carried out. On the sentences of the courts, this House is right to provide sentences; the judges and magistrates carry them out.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C): While welcoming the increase of 9,000 police, which I understand includes 3,000 in the Metropolitan Police force, this should result and continue to result in more policemen patrolling our rity streets.

city streets.

That is the best way to get the cooperation and confidence of the public which is an essential element is tackling the rising crime rate.

Mr Whitelaw: Yes. First, it is the Government's job, which it has thoroughly effective with the equipment the Government provides to carry out their duties. That is their task and that they will early out. will carry out. . I trust they will get in their moral support of the community Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition

price was a spokesman on home affairs:
Despite Mr Whitelaw's effects, the Government has been unable to fulfil its election promises to reduce the level of crime in this country. He should make clear that in his view the best way to Mr Whitelay: I agree entirely that is the task. I understand the anxieties expressed and fully accept the problems. I hope it can be said that it is for the community as a whole. After all there are problems of parental discipline, discipline in our schools, and many other aspects which contribute to rising crime. which contribute to rising crime.
The police cannot do it all on
their own. Sir Paul Bryan (Howden, C): I

Sir Paul Bryan (Howden, C): I welcome the Government's success in recruiting large numbers for the police. The continuous support it has given the police has been a major factor in sustaining their morale.

Mr Whitelaw: I am grateful. I hope it can be said that this support will be forthcoming from all sections of the community. Sometimes I find there are people who are more ready to criticize the police than they are to support them in difficult situations.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham. Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab: We are spen-ding more on the police with

Next week's

are needed

While every effort was being made to encourage members of the ethnic minorities to join the police force it was also essential to maintain high standards, Mr Thmothy Raison, Minister of State, Home Office, said.
Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Edge Hill, Lab) had asked what proportion of the Merseyside constabulary was recruited from constabulary was recruited from ethnic minorities and how that compared with the national

ethnic minorities. The number in England and Wales was 343 — 0.29 per cent of the total police Mr Alton: This is a pathetically small number of people from the ethnic minorities involved in the policing of our community. What steps will be take to improve this?

Mr Raison: We accept the numbers are too low. We have a national group examining the problem and we are conducting a recruiting campaign through the ethnic press and the national

police, and therefore questions concerning a percentage being from the ethnic minorities are not of prime importance.

Mr Raison: We would like to see the percentage from the minority groups increase and we want to see the best possible policemen. Happily the sundard of recruiting to the police is rising satisfactorily.

it was not to be expected that such a package would ever be thought ideal by all concerned.

Act, 1807, Canada nad been ethics self-governing or, in practice, independent, it was manifestly incongrous that such a country should have to seek legislation in Britain to change its consti-

render its continuation pointless

There could be no certainty about when the various legal proceedings would be concluded. Any delay, especially if other action were then to be initiated

as might be the case, would be indefinite.

The Government commended

Mrs Thatcher the Prime Minister told Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Opposition, that he should direct his advice on the zero option in disarmament to President Brezhnev. Mr Foot welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that she would attend the United Nations special session on disarmament in the summer.

session of the United Nations on disarmament in June, he asked: In view of the rapidly intensifying nuclear arms race, it should be a success and we are glad that she is responding to our invitation to go to the meeting. (Conservative laughter)

When will she be presenting to the House and country the disarmament proposals she proposes to take to the conference and say whether President Reagan consulted her before turning down, without considera-

tion, the proposals by President
Brezhnev?
Does she not think it a good idea to consider such proposals before they are rejected?

much better if proper negotiations had taken place then, before many of the SS20s were established.

Mrs. Thesebert President President

Mrs Thatcher: I cannot tell Mr Foot the precise date on which I shall be going. The opening session takes some days. It is then that the opening statements are made and I hope to be there during that time. during that time.

Before President Breshney

Mr Foot: We certainly welcomed that statement when it was made and if it could be translated into a full scale zero option we might be able to make some progress.

Mrs Thatcher: President Rea-

gan's proposal was the zero option; President Brezhnev's option; President Brezhnev's proposal was to keep the SS20s but not to increase them. It seems to me that Mr Foot should address his advice to President Brezhnev because it takes two to agree. (Conservative cheers)

full scale zero option we might be able to make some progress.

On the first occasion on which President Brezhnev proposed a stoppage or a holding up of the establishment of SS20s — which, according to the British Government, was well back into 1979 — on reflection it would have been the united States and the Soviet Union. I take it the stablishment of SS20s — which, according to the British Government, was well back into 1979 — will put pressure on President Brezhnev.

Myth-makers of the thirties

Auden, Isherwood, Spender-they all created powerful myths about the thirties which have distorted our historical memory of this fateful decade. In this week's Times Higher Education Supplement Bernard Bergonzi asks if they have the power to persist.

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Deputy to be new Serjeant

RETIREMENT

The Serjeant at Arms, Conone Sir Peter Thorne, is to retire on August 20, and his deputy, Major G. V. S. Le Fanu, has been appointed in his place by the Queen, the Speaker (Mr George Thomas) announced.

Mr. Thomas read a letter from Sir Peter in which he said he had been in the service of the House for upwards of 33 years and the time had come when he should no longer retain his appointment. The Speaker added that after consultation with the House of Commons, which had been unanimous, he had submitted Major Le Fanu's name to the Queen, who had accepted has

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said: It should be brought to the attention of the House that these gentlemen are servants of this House which ought to have some means of expressing its views, not only on the merits of the present incumbent, but as to the future appointment.

business The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Mental Health (Amend-ment) Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill, com-pletion of remaining stages. Wednesday: Civil Jurisdiction and Wednesday: Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Bill, second reading. Debate on CAP price proposals for 1982-83.

Thursday: Debate on Opposing motion on law and order.

Friday: Private member's motion on combatting juvenile crune.

The main business in the House of Lords will be: Monday: Coal Industry Bill, second reading. Taking of Hostages Bill, third reading. Wages Councils (Abolition) Bill, second reading. Debate on hard drug taking.

second reading. Debate on hard drug taking.
Tuesday: Canada Bill, committee.
Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order.
Wednesday: Debate on the increase in crime.
Thursday: Canada Bill, third reading. Dissemination of Pornography Bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Move to get more child benefits rejected SOCIAL SECURITY

An Opposition attempt of in-crease the level of child benefit from £5.85 to £6 in November and to build in an increase in every

to build in an increase in every succeeding year, was defeated by a Government majority of \$3, during the report stage of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill.

To restore child benefit this November to its real purchasing power when the Government came into office, it should go up to \$6.25, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Oppositin spokesman on Social Security (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) said when he moved a new clause to raise child benefit to \$6 this November instead of the Government's announced

to 16 this November instead of the Government's announced ligure of 15.85.

The clause was much too modest, he said. When raised to 15.85 this November, child benefit would be 40p a week less than it would otherwise have been.

The cost would be about 175m, which was chickenfeed in terms of public expenditure. This was the benefit which could have the greatest impact in getting families out of the poverty trap.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Stuckport, North, Lab) said child benefit had been introduced to

treat people whether they paid tax or not in the same way, recognizing that children placed a considerable financial burden on the family.

The case for moving it up-significantly still stood, and the tragedy of the Budget was that the Government had done nothing to help the situation. This modest proposal for the extra 15modest proposal for the extra 15p would make life a lot simpler for Post Offices and would be a useful addition.

Mr Peter Bottomley (Greenwich, Woolwich, West, C) said families whose income was below the tax threshold were getting substantially more help in real terms than they had 27 years ago.

If MPs were serious about getting help to families with children child benefit was the only way to do that. He would support the Opposition's new clause.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said child benefit was one of the weapons for combating child poverty and the way to use it was by increasing the amount paid out. This should become one of the Government's first priorities in its fiscal policy.

Mr William Frankes (Control Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said those who had suffered most under the present Government were the families

with children. Over the past 20 years this group had come off worst under the tax burden.

It was time the Government stopped being scrooge and showed it had some humanity by agreeing to this little extra.

Mr. Authony Newton. Under

Mr Anthony Newton, Under secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said everyone wanted to help families with children but the practical realities of the aconomy had to be set against the conidered. Although the increase might sound small, it would amount to some £80m over a year and that was not peanuts.

If there was £80m available in the social services budget, there Lawyers had told him that such

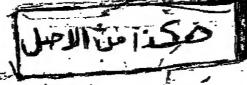
an increase might have to be introduced in April rather than November and that could mean the total cost rising to more than £200m.

the right balance. Extra money would not be found by shuffling around the social services. (Pontypridd, Lab) moved a new clause to restore the 5 per cent shortfall made in unemployment benefit in lieu of taxation, which had been done under the Social Security (No 2) Act 1980.

He said there was a proposal to tax this benefit in July, and the effect of the Budget was not to restore that abstement. The abstement should be restored.

If there was £80m available in the social services budget, there was a list of other needs which could take priority over additional child benefit. When there was only a limited amount to go round, it was a matter of finding the right balance.

Extra money would not be found by shuffling around the social services budget or the tax rates. It could only come by the further generation of national resources in the economy and that was the Government's aim.



Foot urged to contact Brezhnev

DISARMAMENT

Referring to Mrs Thatcher's answer earlier this week about her attendance at the special session of the United Nations on

made this statement, which, as I pointed out, freezes substantial Soviet superiority of SS20s, there was a statement by President Reagan which included the zero

Mr Foot: Why did she and her

Government refuse to negotiate on these matters before many of the SS20s were established?

Mrs Thatcher: I take it that Mr Foot approves of the zero option -and will urge it?

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Minister agrees to release housing law study

Mr John Stanley, Minister nence of for Housing and Construct response. tion, has promised Conserva-tive councillors to release a study made by officials of the Department of the Environment on the working of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act of 1977, which requires councils to give priority to

cies of nationalized indus-tries and call for new powers to enable consumer bodies to tackle the problem.

excutive directors and in-creasing the monitoring of the sector's performance.

The aim, Mr Patrick Jenkin,

state industries.

The council says that a consumers council's report

on a public sector industry

value for money, the minister should order the industry to

olleagues who was given written warnings by the management for failing to

Industry watchdogs

The National Consumers industry's efficiency. The Council and the London national consumers council

Electricity Consultative says the monopolies com-Council today criticize the mission has produced three secrecy surrounding the poli-reports criticizing nationa-

seek more powers

Government has ference in London left Mr been made vociferously by o pressure from local Stanley in no doubt about the councillors in the London atives and agreed to party's mood. Mr Jeremy bourough of Hillingdon. It bowed to pressure from local Conservatives and agreed to publish a review of the law on housing homeless families even though ministers are likely to be embarrassed by the mildness of the recommendations.

Mr. John Stanley, Minister

ference in London left Mr. Stanley in no doubt about the party's mood. Mr. Jeremy Hindle, a councillor from Maidstone. Kent, received applause for a speech demanding repeal of the Act and was afterwards assured by Mr. Stanley of the imminence of the Government's response.

> But recently Mr. Stanley has been encouraging councils to pay more regard to the needs of single homeless people, notably by building hostels. He would find it difficult to take a punitive

In spite of crincism of the Act by some London councils which began in 1978, and by district councils, and by district councils, the review is understood to recommend only minor amendments, which could be accomplished by administrative means.

Local Consequent amendments, which could be accomplished by administrative means.

Local Conservatives have demanded a thorough reform of the homelessness law. Last weekend the Conservative party local government con-

lized industries for their management information and

to create a unified system of

consumer councils under the

to the minister who would be it before Parliament.

The national council also mation by consumer bodies and the duty of the industry audit system to include the to promulgate a code of

Walk-out halts Ford

auditors' conclusion on an operating standards.

controls system.

controls, it says.

went to the courts over the issue of housing immigrants to Britain who arrived at Heathrow airport, within the borough's boundaries.
Other criticism concerns alleged queue-jumping by families which intentionally

make themselves homeless (for example, by leaving the home of parents) to gain preference over other families on councils' waiting lists.

The official review has failed to produce numerical evidence if his abuses of the Act. The local authorities which house the mist home.

suppressing an officially-commissioned survey on the plight of single homeless people in London. The sur-vey proposed additional pub-lic spending on that group's bousing needs.

MPs want more fuel

An all-party committee of

The hourly cost of flying fast jet aircraft now ranges from about £3,900 for the strength of the pound against the dollar can affect the RAF's ability to pay.

as commercial enterprises.

That desire is reflected by both consumer groups in evidence to Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, who is reviewing the relationship between the the relatio Experienced pilots surrendered some of their ration of flying hours so that younger colleagues can have extra time in the air. The RAF has also tried to make the most use possible of the Consumer Affairs, who is heavily towards industry-reviewing the role such The consumer council bodies have in monitoring suggests a detailed code of

suggests a detailed code of practice for each industry, the electricity council-says that consumers are locked into a captive relationship with producers and suppliers and are relatively isolated, defence committee, who compiled their report after visiting British Forces Germany, say that the level of flying there is at the accepted should carry the same weight with producers and suppliers as the findings of the Monopolies and Mergers ignorant and impotent by Commission. If it found that comparison with them? An industry was not offering in the recommends legislation. minimum. They urge a re-turn to the fuel allocation of five years ago.

cern over restrictions placed on the training activities of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) by limiting the track milage on armoured vehicles, helicopter flying and the use of ammunition. plan a remedy. The industry overall: control of the would have to send the plan national Electricity Control to the minister who would lay sumers Council, and powers it before Parliament. The smaller ammunition ration has reduced the level of training to 75 per cent of the officially approved level, although that has not been

The MPs also complain of Ford's car factory in Ford said: "The plant iverpool was halted yester-convenor asked for time to day after 600 plant foremen sort out the problem, so we walked out in a manning dispute. The men voted to take action in support of two called the man was siven. the moise made by the generator used in connexion with the highly successful Rapier missile, which apparently is so loud that it could reveal the crew's location. Formen, belonging to the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, refused to accept the large number of staffs.

management for failing to Association of Scientific, management for failing to Technical and Managerial given the large number of the two-day dispute, which will cost 2,000 Escorts worth f.9m.—stems from an incident two weeks ago when a relief worker was called in to fill the place of an absentee in the body and assembly plant. He was subsequently replaced by an experienced worker. Shop stewards complained the job was not skilled and should have been done by the relief and 30 men on the night shift walked out.

Association of Scientific, refused to accept the decision and were told that disciplinary action would follow. Ford said: "We explained at great length it was only a temporary measure. The plant manager even got out of his bed at midnight to try to sort it out."

Two foremen received witten wanings on Tuesday for failing to "man the line" and on Wednesday foremen from all shifts voted to strike for two days in protest. Finally they would like to see more attention paid to teaching German to service-men and their families. While there are financial inducements, they say the 10 per cent quota of German-speak-ing officers is still "regret-tably low".

MPs has urged that the fuel allocation of RAF Germany allocation of RAF Germany should be raised without delay if operational efficiency is not to be put at risk. The cost of fuel and spares, with the annual budgetary system in Whitehall, has forced the RAF's front line to curtail its training programme, they point out in a report. point out in a report.

The attack follows the recent decision by the Government to recast the mational links between Whitehall and the nationalized industries by recruiting private businessmen as non-executive directors and in-The lack of performance standards for the state sector is a fundamental weakness, Harrier to as much as £6,080 for the Phantom. Even the

The MPs voice their con-

for RAF By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

summer weather for complet-ing training schedules.

The MPs on the Commons

reached for several years.

Allied Forces Cermany. House of Commons Defence Committee. (HC93, Stationery Office, £4.25),

EEC move to boost jobs

From Ronald Kershaw. Brussels

An important initiative by EEC regional aid is being mounted by Mr Ivor Richard, European Commissioner for Social Policy, aimed at job creation in pockets of high unemployment within the better off regions.

Local authorities will be encouraged to apply for cash for hob-starved communities, but enterprises "with a high private content" will also benefit

Mr Richard in his review of the European Social Fund is asking for a 40 per cent increase on its £728m budget to develop his "black spot theory". His target is to have the review approved by the Council of Ministers of Employment in the second

half of this year.
He explained that regions in Britain which did not qualify as assisted areas frequently had black spots of high unemployment. York-shire and Humberside, for example, did not qualify, yet Barnsley had 22 per cent

unemployment. "It seems absurd to have a broad classification because unemployment fogures are not so bad. We can do something for Toxteth but not for Brixton, because Brixton is London and Lon-



Mr Ivor Richard: Aid for regional black spots.

break down the classification into smaller areas irrespec-tive of whether they fall into a larger region", he said. One of the main objectives,

was to first break down geographical classifications, and secondly, to tilt assist-ance in the direction of job creation rather than industrial training. That was not to downgrade industrial training, he said, citing the steel closure areas: "Somebody,

somewhere has to try to get new jobs in these areas." He said the intention was Brixton is London and Lon-to encourage and put money into the sort of scheme that "The black spot theory is to BSC (Industry) Ltd was

creation activities for redundant steelworkers. An active dant steelworkers. An active European social policy would help with infrastructure, training facilities, particularly in basic management skills, and possibly some kind of employment sub-

Proposals in the review, he said, "involved channeuing almost all the money through "involved channelling national governments.
"Governments submit their plans, then we put up our half of it, as in the Manpower Services Commission."

His object was to get greater flexibility, and to put money into enterprises with a higher private content then at present. "He was also anxious to help those local authorities which were active in running job creation programmes. But the initiat-ive had to come from the

Under the existing rules of the social fund a person with a bright idea for creating jobs might not qualify for aid being outside the speci-fied area. "If it is an innovative project we ought to give points so that he stands a better chance of getting money if it would be helpful to the community,"

Mr Richard explained.

Richard explained.

Britain last year received f141m, a,most 20 per cent from European social fund.



The carrier-bag car

Mr Alan Evans, in his small car, talking with a cyclist yesterday. The car has solved his parking difficulties. It weighs 130lb and is smaller than some toy pedal cars (Our York Correspondent writes). Mr Evans's 40mph car is fitted with a handle at the back so it can be pulled into the tiniest gap. Mr Evans, aged 31, of Westlands Road, Hull, has spent three months restoring the vehicle, one of only

40 made in the 1960s. "I bought it from Nottingham in three carrier bags", he said. The car, known as the Peel after the engineering company on the Isle of Man where it was built, is thought to be one of the last remaining in the world. It has a 50cc engine and does 100mpg. Mr Evans, who has been made redundant from his job as a contracts manager, intends to set up a factory to produce a similar vehicle.

Lead pollution investigation begins

The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution has begun an investigation into the extent of lead pollution and its effect on health. The terms of the inquiry are outlined in an invitation to more than 50 organizations and individuals to submit evidence. evidence.

Among other objectives, the commission, under the chairmanship of Professor Richard Southwood, of Ox-

ford University hopes to and of each of the routes by clarify some of the issues which lead gets into the that have become confused in body. the controversy over lead in

The subject will be divided into four broad topics. The first is to identify all sources of environmental lead pollution and how it contamicance of different sources pollution on wildlife.

methods for reducing lead in the environment and its absorption by people. The look at the technical economic options, and their environmental effects, for nates man. From that infor- eliminating lead from petrol. mation, the purpose is to The forth section will examidentify the relative signifi- ine the impact of lead

Cuts threat to whooping cough research

By Anabel Ferriman

The development of a safer whooping cough vaccine could be delayed because of cuts in the budget of the government-funded research aboratories at Porton Down,

Wiltshire. Britain's lead in the field of biotechnology and genetic engineering was threatened by a cut of 4 per cent in the laboratories' revenue, Dr Peter Sutton, the labora-tories' director, said yester-

Programmes involving the development of anti-cancer drugs, the production of synthetic human jgrowth bormone and safer vaccines were all lthreatened, he said.

The laboratories, called the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research, are going to suffer a cut of £200,000 in the planned budget of £5.5m for 1982-83.

Scientists at the laboratory

Scientists at the laboratory are trying to find a safer vaccine against whooping cough because the risks of brain damage from the pre-sent vaccine have resulted in less than half of Britain's children now being vaccinated against the disease.

A new, safer vaccine should be ready for production in larger quantities in three years and for clinical trials in five, but plans could be delayed by budget cuts, he said.

New laboratories were opened at the centre yester-day designed to produce a vaccine against tick encepha-litis (inflammation of the brain), a disease which is spreading across Europe.

Correction

In an article on compensation for the accidentally disabled by George Hill on March 12, it was wrongly stated that the Government had agreed to pay £100,000 to all children crippled after whooping-cough vaccination. The compensation is in fact £10,000 and is awarded only if it is judged that the vaccine was probably to blame, Last month only 681 awards had been made of 2,764 claims.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

AA extends car calls to homes

The Automobile Association is to extend its breakdown service to include cars which will not start at members' homes. The new memoers nomes. The new service, to be called Home Start, will cost an extra £5.50 a year and will be available from June for private motorists and from next month for business flees. for business fleets.

If a car cannot be repaired at member's home, it will be towed free of charge to the nearest AA appointed garage or local garage of the member's choice.

One way to avoid a breakdown at home, the AA said yesterday was to keen the

yesterday, was to keep the car's electrical system dry and to ensure that the battery was kept charged.

BBC Russian service strike

BBC Russian language programmes were said to be going out normally yesterday in spite of a 24-hour strike by members of the service against conditions of employment offered to foreign staff (Kenneth Gosling writes).

The strike was occasioned by the BBC's alleged refusal to employ Mr Efim Maidanik, who emigrated from the Soviet Union to Israel where he was recruited to the BBC

Murder charge

Mr Brian George Davis, aged 47, a kitchen porter of Brittany Point, Tracey Street, Kennington, was remanded in custody at Horseferry Road Court yesterday, charged with murdering Elizabeth Margaret Doats sworth, a canteen assistant at Camelford House, Albert Embankment, on Wednesday.

Sir Alec Rose fined Sir Alec Rose, aged 73, the

round-the-world of Eastleigh Road, Havant, Hampshire, was fined £35 at Southampton yesterday after admitting he had ignored traffic lights.

'When recovery comes we will be ready to support it with lending for working capital and investment'

For some time now, we have been giving special support to many of our borrowing customers, ranging from countries and multi-national corporations to small businesses and individuals'

Extracts from the statement of the Chairman, Sir Jeremy Morse, in the 1981 Report and Accounts of Lloyds Bank

1981 was a good year for Lloyds Bank. Amarked improvement in operating results was partly offset by a substantial increase in provisions for bad and doubtful debts - the inevitable reflection of continuing economic difficulties around the world.

Pre-tax profits of the Group were £386 million, 33% up on the previous year's £290 million. This percentage rise should be measured against an inflation rate of about 10% in the main countries. Current cost accounts, which make adjustments for inflation, show pre-tax profits 51% up at £248 million.

Improved efficiency has helped us to gain market share, increase productivity and contain costs. 65% of the rise in pre-tax profits came from international banking, the improvement in Britain being masked by the down-turn in the interest rate cycle.

In some countries and industries economic conditions are almost as bad as 50 years ago, and there is no sign of early relief. Britain in particular is being jolted, by a mixture of circumstances and policy, through a testing period of retrenchment and change.

The main ground for hope is the possibility that the British economy will emerge in better competitive shape for the future, particularly on the industrial side. When recovery comes, we will be ready to support it with lending for working capital and investment.

Financing worthwhile projects has always been a banker's business. In these times, banks have to be prepared to lend longer, which makes the quality of credit judgements even more crucial. Also, international projects have grown in size. By helping to win large contracts abroad. banks can contribute to the preservation of jobs in the exporting country, which in our case is most often Britain.

Support

Profitability plays an important part in all this, but it is far from being the whole story. For some time now, we have been giving special support to many of our borrowing customers, ranging from countries and multi-national corporations to small businesses and individuals.

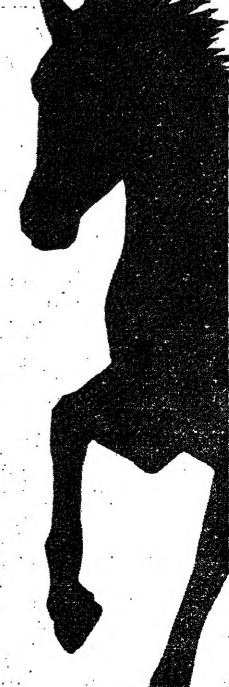
To protect our depositors against the risks that this involves, we must keep our capital position sound. At the end of 1981, the Group's total assets had risen to £27 billion and deposits to £25 billion. The ratio of this latter figure to total capital and reserves was 11.5 to 1, and to free capital (which excludes capital tied up in premises and equipment, and in investments that cannot be quickly realised) was 19.5 to 1.

These ratios are satisfactory, but they would have been better by a full point if 1981's retained profits had not been reduced by £59 million through the ill-judged special levy imposed on United Kingdom banks.

Copies of the 1981 Report and Accounts are obtainable from the Secretary, Lloyds Bank Plc, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS.



Lloyds Bank has 2,341 branches throughout the United Kingdom and there are also, in 47 countries, 615 other branches and offices of the Lloyds Bank Group, including those of Lloyds Bank International, The National Bank of New Zealand, Lloyds Bank California and Lloyds and Scottish.



Turks under **Tindemans** scrutiny

Ankara. — Mr Leo Tinde-mans, Belgiums Foreign Minister who is President of the EEC Council of minis-ters, was due to arrive here Turkey on behalf of the Community. One of his tasks is to investigate conditions under martial law.

European Commission, complained today.

Speaking to a seminar of the European Movement, he cited the failure to resolve

Diplomatic sources said his talks with General Kenan Evren, the Turkish head of state, Mr Bulend Ulusu, Even, the Turkish nead of state, Mr Bulend Ulusu, Prime Minister and Mr Ilter Turkmen, Foreign Minister, would probably concentrate on Turkey's plans to return to democracy by 1984.

Military rule, imposed 18 months ago, has strained relaions with the EEC. Last

year, the Community froze payment of some \$650m in grants and loans in protest at the imprisonment of Mr Bulent Ecevit, former Prime



Questions for Mr Ulusu (left) and General Evren

Angola rejects 'absurd'claim

Lishon. - Angola, denying that a South African raid inside its borders had de-inside its borders had de-stroyed a Swapo base, said there were no guerrilla camps inside its territory. "It is anyway obviously absurd that there should be

any guerrilla camps so close to the (Namibian) border", an embassy spokesman said

South Africa, which said the base was 14 miles inside the border, made the claim at a time when it was trying to show its strength, the spokesman said. "They do not want Namibian independence and they difficulties".

Greek students lefter than left

Athens. - If the Greek Socialists had hoped to see their national election victory last October reflected in Wednesday's student elections, they will have been disappointed (Mario Modiano writes). The pro-Moscow Communists retained their lead with 31 per cent of the vote, whereas the Socialists stayed second with 26 per

cent.
The Socialists were looking for increased support for the Government's controversial universities reform plans. There was a record 54 per

Space shuttle site switched

Cape Canaveral — The landing site for the third flight of the space shuttle Columbia was switched from California to New Mexico because of floods at the air base outside

Los Angeles.
Mission officials decided Mission officials decladed to the Edwards air base in the Mojave desert, swamped by heavy rain, would not be suitable for the shuttle's landing on March 29 and decided to plan the landing for White Sands New Merifor White Sands, New Mexi-co, the shuttles's contin-gency landing site. The seven-day mission is sched-uled to begin on Monday, for a deficit this year of 36,381m lire (£15.5m), compared with the 1981 deficit of 31,000m lire. This figure was made known today at the end with launching from Cape Canaveral's Kennedy space

Ben Bella sees only corruption

Paris. — "Everything is corrupt" in Algeria, Mr Ahmed Ben Bella historic leader of the struggle for independence and its first President, said on Radio Monte Carlo on the twentieth anniversary of independence.
Since his overthrow by Colonel Boumedienne 1965, it had been "totally negative". Agriculture had been "murdered", he said.

Civil servant's body exhumed

Paris. — The body of René Lucet, the social security director of Marseilles whose recent death caused a political scandal, has been exhumed to determine whether he committed suicide or was murdered.

Lucet was a controversial figure was a controversial figure well known for his conservative views. He was dismissed and on March 4 was found shot in the head, an apparent suicide.

US to return Nazi art loot

Washington. — President
Reagan authorized the return
to West Germany of thousands of Nazi art works
seized by the United States
Army at the end of the
Second World War. The
Army possesses more than
6,000 works of art commissioned by Hitler to glorify missioned by Hitler to glorify the Nazi cause and war effort.

Britain's budget dispute casts EEC into gloom

From Ian Murray, Brussels, March 18

Minister who is President of the EEC Council of ministers, was due to arrive here today on a two-day mission to Turkey on behalf of the European Commission, com-

Speaking to a seminar of the European Movement, he cited the failure to resolve the British problem as the prime example of that lack of solidarity and understanding which was making the achievements of the Community precarious and inade

equate.

His pessimistic speech came at the end of a threeday meeting of agriculture here where ministers here where national divisions loomed large, and little if any progress was made towards a settlement on farm prices by the annual target date of April 1. The one clear hint to

would be defended resolutely. After yesterday's meeting of the French Cabinet,
his spokesman said that will feel generously disposed
France could not allow one towards Britain. Should they

force a majority vote on agricultural prices if Britain for grappling with unemployment isions, due to resume on March 31. Havin been strongly attacked by French farmers in recent weeks for member states to find the "political courage" to allow majority rule as a way to give ers in recent weeks for "political courage" to allow-failing to maintain their majority rule as a way to give living standards, she must Europe back its impetus and have been reassured to hear to allow the Community to her President rally to their face up to the challenges of the present. The member

to say clearly that Europe won promises.

will be able to resist any Chancellor (David Cross move to force farm-price writes). fixing by a majority vote and The full day of deliberfixing by a majority vote and the Commission has already ations is not expected to take made it plain to France that the dispute much further. any national aids paid to But the two leaders and their farmers would probably be in foreign ministers will have a contravention of the Treaty of Rome. of Rame.

now seem set on an all too familiar collision course for next Tuesday's meeting of foreign ministers, which is to make yet another attempt to resolve the question of the Polish crisis and inter-British budget problem. The national economic affairs.

Vatican will

into the red

From John Earle Rome, March 18

The Vatican is budgeting

of a three-day meeting of a commission of 15 cardinals from all continents, set up by the Pope last May, to discuss ways of restoring its finances to health.

Given Italy's inflation of nearly 20 per cent and the lira's sliding exchange rate,

the estimate suggests that the

deficit of the Roman Catholic Church's central administ-ration is being kept under.

control. Furthermore a state-

ment issued after the meeting, the second since the commission's foundation, said last year's deficit has been entirely covered by the

positive and generous res-ponse of the faithful throughout the world. After

special appeals, they have increased their contributions

to Peter's Pence, money collected in parishes and dioceses for the Pope.

Cardinal Giuseppe Caprio, prefect for economic affairs

illustrated to the commission the Holy See's rising expen-diture, due not only to inflation but also to its

increasing activities and salary and pension awards for the 5,179 staff. At the same time, the statement said, revenue remained stationary, and the administration had succeeded in making economies.

The Pope attended the last session today. The cardinals on the commission will now illustrate the state of the Vatican's finances to their various episcopal conferences. The Vatican's deficit, then of 17,000m lire, was first made known in 1977, but its budger has never yet ben

its budget has never yet been published.

go deeper

The battle over the size of Commission is still hopeful The battle over the size of Commission is still intended
Britain's contribution to the of finding guidelines for
EEC budget has created what reforming the CAP and
could be called "a Europe of identifying the size of the
the accountants", Mr Gaston British budget contribution.
Thorn, President of the Mr Tindemans, like most of the member states including Britain, believe that the only way forward will be to try to

agree real figures.

All that, however, means that a decision on agricultural prices, which must be intimately linked with a budget settlement, will be even more difficult. A further complication is that the er complication is that the er complication is that the foreign ministers next week will have been given a first glimpse of the 100-page document prepared by the Greek Socialist Government setting out its new demands from Europe.

Greece will not be seeking

a renegotiation so much as adjustments in what it regards at the essential areas in emerge from the argument the course of routine nego-was that France is prepared tiations. Satisfying the Greek to use national aids to pay its farmers if Britain blocks a expensive. They concentrate price increase beyond that on higher subsidies and more ate. agricultural fund and re-President Mitterrand made gional spending, while asking it clear yesterday that the for a derogation of the right interests of French farmers of foreign firms to set

government to obstruct the implementation of fundamental Community rules.

Mme Edith Cresson, the French Agriculture Minister, had given a strong indication the previous day in Brussels that France would try to the contact on the previous of the contact on the previous day in Brussels that France would try to use the occasion principally terrand, for one, will want to use the occasion principally

ner rresident rally to their tace up to the challenges of the present. The member the present the present. The member take present the present. The member states would, however, vote unanimously against such an any dismantlement of the common Agriculture Policy. British budget problem will the was looking to its partners wan promises.

must either continue to London: The long-standing develop or else admit they dispute over the size of would like to allow a crisis to Britain's budget contribution develop which would have develop, which would harm is expected to feature promi-the Community at a moment nently during talks at Chequwhen European cooperation ers on Friday between Mrs Thatcher and Herr Heimut Britain is confident that it Schmidt, the West German

advance of the EEC foreign Nevertheless, both coutries ministers' meeting and the

Other topics expected to arise include East-West re-lations in the wake of the

Mr Thorn and Mr Leo Pinto Balsemão, the Portu-Tindemans, the Belgian guese Prime Minister, ar-Foreign Minister who is the rived in Athens today on an current President of the official visit to seek a Council, has failed to find reaffirmation of Greek supany new element which port for his country's early might break the deadlock.

Somewhat idealistically the Modiano writes).

Sultan on parade

Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman reviewing a guard of

honour at the Royal Armoured Corps' base at Bovingdon, Dorset, where he spent most of yesterday, the third day of his state visit to Britain. He watched

various tank and fire power demonstrations before

returning to London to host a banquet in honour of

MP's cleared of plot

Rome, March 18.—Italy's former Christian Democratic Parliament voted today to Prime Ministers and Signor shelve charges against two Mario Tanassi, former Social

Democratic Defence Minis-

the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

shelve charges against two former Prime Ministers and a



Battling on through fire and ice

The twisted metal of burnt-out Snowmobiles shows just one of the serious setbacks suffered by Sir Ranulph Fiennes on his way to the North Pole with the

managed to escape from the ice

British Transglobe Expedition.
But yesterday he and his companion, Dr Charles Burton,

floe, 375 miles from the pole, on which they had been trapped by melting ice.

They waited for another ice floe to drift alongside then drove a Snowmobile across before the gap reopened. News of the escape was given in a radio call to their base camp.

Mr Anthony Preston, expedition secretary, said their back-up aircraft—damaged in a blizzard—had been patched up and would now be able to act as a scout for them. Earlier the explorers had pledged they would carry on to the end of their mission.

The message was given late on Wednesday night in a radio-tele-phone link between Dr Burton and his wife in London. The explorers are more than half way through an attempt to circumnavigate the world; the journey started and is due to finish at Greenwich.

US will fight to stop missiles in Cuba

From Our Correspondent, Washington, March 18

American Defence Secretary, made clear today that the United States would do whatever would be necessary to prevent Soviet nuclear missiles from being stationed n the Cuban area.

Adminis-The Reagan Adminis-tration is studying the implications of a warning by President Leonid Brezhnev on Tuesday that the Soviet Union would take retaliatory steps if the United States went ahead with its plan to deploy 572 cruise and Persh-ing missiles in Western Europe.

Some American experts took this to be a veiled warning that President Brezhnev may be threatening to put nuclear missiles into Cuba and thus rekindle the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. But Mr Weinberger in a television interview today described President Brezhnev's remark as very obscure and ambiguous and said: "We don't know what he was talking about."

Mr Weinberger said any

move to put nuclear missiles in Cuba would violate the Washington-Moscow under-standing that ended the 1962 missiles crisis and led to the removal of Soviet missiles from the Caribbean island. ☐ Moscow: Stung by the cool

Western response to President Brezhnev's offer to freeze deployment of Soviet SS20 missiles west of the Urals, the Russians have accused the White House of acting hastily, irresponsibly and without any real policy on arms control (Michael Binyon writes).

want anything to hold up America's military build-up.

approach to the cardinal problems bearing on the destiny of mankind", Tass said.

It said President Reagan's statement that the United States must not simply freeze nuclear arms production but cut down on stockpiles would deceive nobody. It was Washington that rejected the Salt 2 treaty providing for substantial reduction in strategic armaments, and it was the present Administration that was delaying resumption of the Soviet-American talks

with a statement of Senator Edward. Kennedy that the present. Administration has absolutely no definite direc-tion in the field of arms control, and that it has no policy of peace but of building up armaments".

The agency accused President Reagan of seeing his chief mission as the deployment of new medium-range missiles in Western Europe. Tass said the Administ-

tator accused the United Senate. In pointed contrast, States of rejecting the Soviet offer without bothering to study it seriously or giving it any well-pondered evaluation. He said the Reagan Administration always reaches the Double of the Soviet offer is at the Reagan Administration always reaches the Reagan warm endorsement and state of the Reagan administration always reaches the news agency has been quoting extensively from the Reagan administration always agency has been quoting extensively from the Reagan administration always agency has been quoting extensively from the Reagan administration always agency has been quoting extensively from which was a supplied to the news agency has been quoting extensively from which was a supplied to the reaches a supplied to the r Administration always reac- warm endorsement and sup-ted negatively to Soviet port for the proposals.

Haiti coup

seasickness

From Christopher Thomas Miami, March 18

Sixteen would-be mercen-

aries who mounted a feeble attempt to invade Haiti are

under arrest in Miami today, recovering from acute sea-sickness. Despite a strong element of farce the FBI says it is having to take them

seriously.
The Coast Guard cutter,

The Coast Guard cutter, the Cape Current, with several heavily armed FBI agents on board, intercepted the men in two luxury cabin cruisers 12 miles off the Florida coast. They fully expected a gun battle but instead discovered the boats bobbing aimlessly with almost every crew member flat

most every crew member flat on his back. "They were so sick they were useless", Mr Joseph McCollum the chief of the local Coast Guard,

said, "They were having a hell of a time."

help. Short-term compensation plus bonus." Then the

advertisement listed a series of numbers easily recognized as army codes for riflemen,

medics and special force

sunk by

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the proposals because it did not

"The hasty and confused reaction of the White House and the State Department naturally prompts the world public to ask what is more prevalent in the present United States policy; sheer levity, lack of experience in international relations or an irresponsible and adventurist

"It is difficult to disagree

ration was trying to extend the arms race all over the world, and rejected even American proposals for dis-armament that came from the

The Senate has endorsed freedom of speech. They legislation intended to curb point out that the bill would the activities of people like for the first time explicitly Mr Philip Agee, the former make it a crime for reporters

identities of American spies.

It voted yesterday 55-39 for proposed law would protect an amendment to toughen a CIA agents who had commit-proposed Senate Bill by ted a crime in the United making it a crime for States or acted against Amerijournalists and others to can interests. The Bill pre-

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foreign intelligence appar-atus. They blame such disaction. They biame such inscionaries for the assassination of the CIA station chief in Athens in 1975 and an attempt on the life of another

The expedition began with two advertisements in the wanted column of the Miami Herald on February 26. One said "Small multi-national corporations need security

soldiers.
The telephone number of The telephone number of the Miami headquarters of the Council for the National Liberation of Haiti, which has a long and sad history of sending invasion forces to the island, was conveniently supplied. Applicants were told to ask for Captain Ben, who in ffact was Captain Benjamin Weissberg, on of those under arrest and char-ged with violation the Neuformer Prime Ministers and a former Defence Ministers and a former Defence Ministers of ter.

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Benjamin Weissberg, on of those under arrest and charged with violation the Neutrality Act. The force of 10 Americans and six Haitians set off from Miami with 26 rifles, seven shotguns, six cused of perjury in the trial of those accused of bombing a Milan bank in 1969.

Support for Duarte demanded From Mohsin Ali, Washington, March 18

Mr Kasten: Convinced

of Cuban involvement

emergency aid to the Carib-

bean basin countries, includ-ing \$128m to El Salvador.

Washington's propaganda war

United States Administration and congressional concern about Cuba's alleged support for guerrillas in El Salvador and for Nicaragua is growing daily. Mr Robert Kasten, a key

Republican senator from Wisconsin, said yesterday he was convinced Nicaragua and Cuba were controlling the left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador and added that the Administration Reagan should disclose more evi-dence to build public support for its Central America

He said the Reagan Administration had got to bring information into public view and let the people know what was going on. The Administration should move to country to the country ter "what is clearly a tide in American public opinion" against support of President Napoleon Duarte's Government.

Mr Kasten, who is chairman of the Senate appropriations sub-committee on foreign operations, said through a spokesman today be had seen evidence in closed Senate meetings that had convinced him of outside forces being involved in Central America, specifically in Nicaragua and infiltrating El Salvador. He hoped that a good part

of this concrete evidence could be made public without jeopardizing the United States intelligence-gathering

efforts so that the American people could come to the same conclusion about the need for help of Washington's allies to straighten out the position in this area.

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Mr Kasten, who did not name the allies, added that if they could see what "we are and the information officer of the United States Embassy in San Salvador. (AP re

privileged to see" the Reagan Administration's policy would be clearer and much ports). None of the reporters on the list appeared to take it very seriously. Many said their names had been ineasier to support. cluded on similar lists compiled by left-wing as well as right-wing factions in El Salvador's civil war. One report described the death

list as a possible hoax. The group called itself the Anti-Communist Alliance and had not been heard of before. It claimed affiliation with the Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez Bridage, the most notorious of the right-wing death squads that murder suspected supporters of the left-wing guerrillas with the

tacit approval of the Govern-ment's security forces.

The journalists on the list included the representatives of the Miami Herald, the New He thought additional background proof of outside intervention, by Cuba and Nicaragua, would help Congress here take a much more favourable look at President Reagan's Caribbean basic economic aid and trade initiative and also at his latest request for \$350m (£180m) in emergency aid to the Carib-

province that the Government claimed to have cleared over the weekend.

Senate votes to toughen | Constitution law protecting spies

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, March 18

identify or expose covert United States agents if they have reason to believe that disclosure would impair American intelligence activi-

journalist groups and civil assured. The mood on Capital liberties organizations, argue Hill is strongly in favour of that the proposed law is an giving secret agents better unconstitutional violation of protection.

Central intelligence Agency and private citizens to pub-(CIA) agent, who make it lish information obtained their business to reveal the from public records. They also maintain that the

vents disclosure of an agent' identity until five years after he leaves the service. Under the Bill, the activi-

American intelligence activities.

The Bill, known as the Intelligence Agencies Protection Bill, presents a classic papers to have trained terrorconflict between those who been revealed.

Supporters of the Bill described as "the legitimate claim that the disclosure of the identities of 1,000 CIA restricted by the Bill. "Don't operatives by Mr Agee and of around 2,000 intelligence agents by Mr Louis Wolf in his newsletter Covert Action Information Bulletin not only puts the lives of these individuals at risk but threatens to undermine America's aimed at."

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He added: "You can knock the tar out of the CIA so long as you don't name names".

The Bill, which provides for prison sentences of up to attempt on the life of another
American official in Kingston, Jamaica in 1980.

On the other hand the fill's opponents, who include journalist groups and civil liberties organizations, argue Hill is expensely in forester three years and fines of up to \$15,000 (f8,300) for each violation, still has to be given final approval by the Senate. But its passage seems assured. The mood on Capital liberties organizations, argue

Energy Bill takes its toll From John Best, Ottawa, March 18

The division bell fell silent in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday after ringing without interruption for 16 days. A compromise agreement

A compromise agreement between the Liberal Government and the Conservative Opposition enabled the House finally to vote on a Tory adjournemt motion proposed on March 2. The motion was defeated but the House rose for the day, on a procedural technicality. Regular proceedings will resume today. resume today.

Yesterday's vote ended one demands.

of the most bizarre episodes the Canadian Parliament has ever witnessed. After intro-ducing their adjournment motion on March 2, the Conservatives marched out of the Commons chamber and stayed out, refusing to come back and vote on their own motion.

motion.

They were protesting against the introduction of a composite government energy Bill which they contended should be broken up into at least eight separate Bills. The Government refused initially to give in to their demands.

problems for Mugabe.

From a Correspondent Salisbury, March 18

Confusion reigns over the Zimbabwe. Government's plans to revise the British-drafted Lancaster House constitution.

Dr Eddison Zvobgo, the newly appointed Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, told journalists yesterday that he had been given the go-ahead by Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, to rewrite the constitution. "The Prime Minister feels there is a need now to transform our constitution and to move very speedily in that direction", he said.

However, he pointed out that the proposed changes would not be brought about unconstitutionally, repeating an assurance that has already been made by Mr Mugabe.

In fact, while Dr Zvobgo was outlining his vague plans, the Prime Minister was reassuring potential foreign investors that their property rights would be secure with the "iron-clad guarantees" enshrined in the constitution. document, which

guards against abuses of civil rights and virtually guarantees a multi-party democracy for the next few years, was approved by Mr Mugabe and other parties at the British-chaired Laucaster House peace talks that brought an end to white rule in Rhode-sia. But since coming to power almost two years ago, Mr Mugabe has repeatedly stated his party's commit-ment to the creation of a oneparty state.

To make the changes constitutionally, Mr Mugabe will apparently have to win the unanimous support of his political rivals — mainly his the unanimous support of his political rivals — mainly his war-time ally, Mr Joshua Nkomo, who was dismissed from the Government last month, and the fractured Republican Front (RF) party of Mr Ian Smith; the former Rhodesian Prime Minister.

For the first 10 years of independence, the Declaration of Rights, which generally guarantees civil rights, can be altered only by a unanimous assembly vote.

Amendments to most other aspects of the constitution require approval by not less than 70 per cent of the House and two thirds of the Senate.

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Constitution problems or Mugabe

From a Correspondent Salisbury, March 16 Confusion recens over if

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Riot police sent to Bydgoszcz after protest call

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, March 18

The Polish authorities appear more pessimistic about her to feer popular disturbances husband being released for the industrial town of the ceremony but Mr Wale-Bydgesecz tomorrow to mark the first anniversary of a window clash between militia the matter is still open.

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next month.

Mr Rulewski, one of the union's radicals, was badly union's radicals, was badly besten up during the militia raid a year ago, when the authorities tried to break up a Solidarity sit in. The charges stem from an unrelated motor incident; but the adjournment of the trial may well reflect the high level of anxiety about the anxiety anxiety about the anxiety about the anniver-sary and about the prospect of resistance.

of resistance.

Zolnierz Wolnoci, the Army newspaper, today for the first time in the official Polish media named one armed resistance group — Polish media named one armed resistance group—
"The armed forces of underground Poland"— that is alleged to be linked to the killing of a militis sergeant. Both the authorities and the Solidarity underground have expressed concern recently that terrorist factions could develop among young people, develop among young people, impatient with the more mundane forms of protests.

According to unofficial sources, 30 grammar school pupils have been interrogated recently in connection with the murder of the policeman. It is also understood, though not officialy confirmed, that a policeman was shot recently in the Warsaw suburb of Brudno.

Security seems to be at the heart of the dilemma over whether Mr Lech Walesa, the interned Solidarity leader, should be temporarily re-leased to attend the christening of his seven-week-old daughter Maria Viktoria. His wife, Mrs Danuta Walesa, fundar said today that she was now doms.

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Rive police have been moved into parts of the town which, since the declaration of martial law three months ago, has been one of the quietest industrial centres in Poland. Yesterday the trial of the ceremony. But it is not clear whether he has signed. The logistics of the ceremony Bygosztz, on charges of have become so complex that the Government, which originally wanted to cooperate, next month. may simply refuse per-mission for Mr Walesa to attend the christening.

I Moscow: A leading mem-ber of Poland's pro-commu-nist branch trade unions said today his country needed a return to the Soviet style system of a monolithic trade movement (Reuter

reports).
Mr Eugeniusz Melnicki, chairman of a commission linking the branch unions, said the monolithic unity of the Soviet trade union movement should be a matter of pride to its members.

We realize even more keenly what a sorry fact is the lack of such unity in the polish trade union movement today", he told a Kremlin conference of the Soviet trade union movement in a speech carried by Tass.
The branch unions suc-

The branch unions succeeded the official movement after its breakup by the creation of the independent Solidarity union in 1980. Left with only a few members, they were suspended along with Solidarity when martial law began in December.

Vienna: Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor. the Austrian Chancellor called for "a new Helsinki

type conference at the high est level" to find a construc tive solution to the Polish problem (Reuter reports).

He was referring to the 35-nation European security conference in Helsinki in 1975 which drew up agreements recognizing post-war frontiers in Europe and fundamental human free-

Aid for Poland

Hollywood stars go on a health kick

From Our Own Correspondent, Warsaw, March 18

lywood's charity airlift to nosed commercial sense that Poland, went on tour this has put Operation California week not brandishing, as in business. It cost \$74,000 to some had feered, roller organize, collect and deliver skates, cocaine spoons and the supplies, which were other essentials of West donated by American hospications of the supplies of other essentials of West donated by American hospi-Coast life, but rather \$1.1m tals, pharmaceutical compa-(£600,000) worth of much-needed medical supplies. largely at the instigation of Despite President Reagan's Hollywood stars.

grain embargo and limite sanctions, a steady trickle of American and other Western aid has been reaching Poland, but few charity operations have displayed

such flamboyance.
The 35-year-old organizer—though impresario is the word that springs to mind—is Mr Richard Walden, who like so many former student radicals is now a successful Beverly Hills, lawyer. His previous charity efforts in-clude relief flights to Vietnam and aid to Cambodia, areas that have not necess-arily been in favour with the United States Administ-

ration.

Poland fits comfortably into the list. Mr Walden's current planeload includes a relatively small portion of government-spousored assistance put together by Project Hope but was told quite clearly not to make any statement critical of President Reagan in Poland. Mr ration dent Reagan in Poland. Mr Walden was evidently finding this an irksome responsi

Rollywood, however, transcends political frontiers, or so it seems from the lists of actors and actresses who have contributed in some way to the airlift. They include names not normally associated with the American left,

such as Frank Sinatra. Joan Baez, the folk singer, asked the Operation California team to pass a message to the interned Solidarity leader, Mr Lech Walesa. Solemnly we listened to the tape-recorded missive which turned out to be Miss Baez's. anti-Russian protest song.
"Happy Birthday Leonid Brezhnev". Not unreasonab-

Operation California, Hol- It is this kind of hard-

About \$42,000 was raised from other relief groups and the remaining \$32,000 was raised through a bank loan.

The result is an undoubted help to Poland's creaking health system. The planeload includes half a million syringes and needles (one of the most serious shortages) as well as medicines and soaps. The aid is distributed by the Catholic Church in Poland, in this case mainly to hospitals in Radom, Siedlice, Lublin

and Warsaw.
The long-established chariwith some suspicion at Mr Walden. Accompanied by a beautiful girl described simply as a Hollywood producer, Mr Walden does not fit into easy suspensions (except easy stereotypes (except those perhaps specifically made in California), and he in turn is contemptuous of the bureaucratic waste of other

He also has serious criti-cisms of governmental hur-dles to the free flow of aid, pointing out that multinatio-nal corporations would be quite happy to give far more assistance if the United States Government eased tax laws and repealed, for example, the Foreign Assets Control Act, which limits the shipment of goods to em-bargoed countries.

Another criticism of Mr Waldron's operation made by rival charities is that having raised the expectations of the Poles, he will now turn his attention to another pub-licity-sensitive spot. Mr Waldren, however emphasizes that many of his South East Asian programmes are continuing and that he already has enough supplies to fill half an aircraft with aid for President Suharto is the only

From Our Correspondent, Naîrobi, March 18



Dozier deafened in kidnap ordeal

Verona, March 18. — hers or associates charged Brigadier-General James with taking part in his Dozier said today his hearing kidnapping. As he left the had suffered permanent witness box the general damage as a result of slowly and without ex-The American Army said

he had been struck on the right ear when two Red Brigades kidnappers disguised as plumbers seized him from his home on Verona on December 17 and he had later been forced to listen to load non-ston work. listen to loud, non-stop rock music through earphones. Doctors at the Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington who examined him after his release discovered a deterioration in his bearing and attributed it to these two

Verona assize court judges. General Dozier was the first witness to be examined in the summary trial of 17 alleged Red Brigades mem-

89 detained

election riot

From Our Correspondent
Jakarta, March 18
Indonesia's election campaign exploded into violence today, when about 15,000 people ran amuck in the

centre of the capital burning cars and buses. Government officials said later that 89 people had been arrested.

have been killed and 63

injured.
Troops were sent to Ban-

teng Square to beat back the

stone-throwing rioters with tear gas and volleys of bullets

Burgess, a cameraman for Visnews, was slightly injured

by a stone when attempting

to film the rioting crowd

burning a government Golkar

Party campaign stand.
Mr Burgess said the riot started about 2.30pm when

about 7,000 people who had gathered for a Golkar cam-

paign speech were scattered by fire crackers. "It was the Golkar supporters in Golkar

shirts who starteed throwing sticks and stones at me; not-

the outside crowd", Mr Burgess said. "Shortly after-

wards I was escorted off by

I had to abandon my car as

crowds retreating before the

troops yelled: "Get back.
They are burning cars." I
reached an hotel where
bullets from the volleys in
the air sent foreign spectators on the roof ducking

Mr Robert Brash, the

British Ambassador, was one of those caught up in the riot

and forced to abandon his

The campaign for the general elections on May 4,

began on Monday with most

observers predicting a quiet campaign. The Golkar Party

is a sure winner in the elections for the Upper House which is partly filled

by presidential appointees, and in which the two weak

opposition parties, the Muslim Development Party and the Nationalist

Democratic Party, are poorly

A year after the general

elections, the Upper House goes on to elect the country's President — a post for which

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Dozier said today his hearing witness box the general had suffered permanent witness box the general damage as a result of slowly and without exmistreatment during the 42 pression, gazing into the days he was a prisoner of cages where nine of the defendants so far detained by

It was the first time he had seen his former captors since Italian anti-terrorist police rescued him from a Padua flat on January 28.

During the raid the police arrested five of the defendants now in court. Eight defendants are still being sought.
General Dozier said that on

General Dozier said that on January 28 he woke suddenly and saw the walls of his prison tent move. A hooded Red Brigades guard was standing inside the entrance of the tent pointing a gun in the direction of his body. Giving his evidence in English, General Dozier said:

portion of the tent. They said they were police but I was not sure because their faces were also covered. The thought flashed through my mind that this was another group interested in me. I asked them several times who they were and they asked me if I was the general."

It was only when General Dozier tried to push away one of the policemen and felr his protective clothing that he began to realize that his ordeal was over.

Judge Francesco Pulcini asked if he had suffered mistreatment. "The only mistreatment was when I was hit on the ear and the music I was forced to listen to", he

General Dozier complained repeatedly that he did not like the rock music and his captors eventually changed Giving his evidence in the cassette tapes, but the English, General Dozier said: volume was not sufficiently 'Some people came into my lowered.

Judge Pulcini asked General Dozier if the Red Brigades had ever threatened to kill him. "Not specifically", the general replied. ing the earphones to try to get some relief from the music they would tell me that if I wanted to return home I should leave the earphones and they said this was for my

Signor Umberto Improta, an anti-terrorist police offic-er, said a nationwide search for General Dozier's Red Brigades prison ended when a Venice drug addict put police in contact with Ruggero Volinia, one of the defendints in court.

Judge Pulcini adjourned the trial until tomorrow morning, with one more witness to be examined. Judge-ment is expected in the middle lof next week. — Reuter.

Republican

of electoral trends. Governor

with ammunition".

Mr Robert Ruble, the police chief, said: "We can supply just about any sort of firearm to anybody who does

not give guns to unworthy itizens He would accept, he said,

Citizens of Kennesaw astruck to escape in case of a nuclear holocaust?".

wins Illinois primary From Nicholas Ashford Washington, March 18

The results of this week's primary in Illinois, the first poll in the 1982 congressional election campaign, have failed to give a clear picture

November 2.

November 2.
Mr Thompson's choice for Lieutenant-Governor, Mr George Ryan, the state House Speaker, also emerged victorious in a three-cornered contest. This was an outcome of considerable political significance, as one of his challengers, Mr Donald Totten, and extreme right-winger, had received the White House's blessing and was aided by Mr Lyn Nofziger, the President's long-term political adviser.

Thompson, a moderate Republican seeking an unprecedented third term, easily fought off a dual challenge from a doctor who is crusad ing for lower taxes and a farmer who earns his living as a mule skinner.

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He will now confront Mr
Adlai Stevenson, son of the
celebrated politician of the
same name, who is the
unchallenged Democratic candidate for the election on

ture produced by the Illinois primary results was confused because of the effects of redistricting (boundary changes). Dlinois has lost two Congressional seats as a result of re-apportionment,

However, the overall pic-

graveyard poses threat of radiation From Rhoderick Sharp San Francisco, March 18

Submarine

Old Polaris submarines never die, they simply rot away in the Pacific Trench. But some scientists believe that plans by the United States Navy to dispose of up to 100 aging Polaris nuclear submarines may pose a considerable radiation threat.

considerable radiation threat.

The Navy first disclosed its intentions late last year. As the new Trident submarines with their 24 independent missile launchers entered service, up to five old Polaris vessels would be towed 160
miles off the Californian
coast and scuttled, to settle
in the Pacific at 14,000ft.

Over the next three decades, up to 100 submarines
would be disposed of in this
way. In recent weeks, the

way. In recent weeks, the plan has come in for heated criticism from scientists who question the Navy's figures on the amount of radioactivity each may contain.

tivity each may contain.

The Navy contends that radioactivity would only come from Cobalt-60, which would be protected by the structure of the submarine from leaking into the water and has a half-life of just over five years. But this has been disputed by Dr Robert Pohl. a physicist at Cornell Pohl, a physicist at Cornell University, and Dr Marvin Resnikoff, of the New York Public Interest Research

Group.

Dr Resnikoff and Dr Pohl claim that the walls of the reactor would also contain two other isotopes with vastly longer danger periods: nickel-59, with a half life of 80,000 years, and niobium-94, which delivers 17,000 rems of radiation a year. The amount of exposure generally considered safe for a human being is 0.025 rems a year.

Ban on dumping to be lifted

Other scientists feel the submarines have only 20 years at the most before their structures break down and start leaking radiation into the water — and so to marine life and the food chain that

life and the food chain that leads eventually to man.

The journal Science recently reported that there was enough radioactivity in one submarine reactor—50,000 curies—to equal half the amount dumped into the sea over the last two decades. One curie is thought of as a lethal dose. According to Mr Jethal dose. According to Mr Jackson Davis, a biologist at the University of California, the amount of radiation present will increase as it moves up the food chain.

Despite the United State's publicly professed intention to conduct a full inquiry before any decision is made there are signs that they may enhmission to Congress held that the service could not afford to have old Polaris submarines lying around "without adversely impacting shipyard operations." Seven Tridents will come into service within the next three

years.
This week, a Bill will be introduced in the California state legislature aimed at blocking the Navy's plans. But there will be reduced opposition from another quarter. Next month a 12year ban on dumping radioac tive waste at sea is expected to be lifted by the Environ-mental Protection Agency. American concern over the disposal of nuclear-powered submarines will be echoed in Submarines will be echoed in Britain, where the Royal Navy is facing a similar problem over what to do with HMS Dreadnought (Henry Stanhope writes). Dread-nought, the oldest hunter-killer submarine in this country is being withdrawn from service and is at present waiting at Chatham dockyard. After its reactor fuel has been removed it will be towed to a semi-permanent mooring and left there pend

ing a disposal decision. The Ministry of Defence has already been in contact with the Americans in the hope of pooling their trans-atlantic expertise.

SUMMARY Police find

NEWS IN

imperial treasure New York. Two ex-quisite, hand decorated pis-tols made for Catherine the

Great, Empress of Russia in the eighteenth century, have turned up in the New York police department's vault.
The ivory and gold floral
patterned arms, bearing the
signature of Johan Adolph
Grecke, imperial gunmaker
to the Empress, had been
seized in a drug raid in the
South Bronx almost ten

They were consigned with countless other weapons to a police warehouse to be destroyed with all other illegal handguns captured in the cirv. However, a sharethe city. However, a sharp-eyed policeman noticed their distinction and invited ex-perts from the Metropolitan Museum of Art to assess their quality. Their value is estimated at \$200,000 (£108,000).

Assam under direct rule

Delhi. - Assam, in North-East India, has been put under direct rule from Delhi after the collapse of its Government after only two months in office (Trevor Pishlock writes).

The administration, formed

by Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress Party, has re-signed. Elections will be held within six months. Assam has been a centre of unrest for more than two years because of Assamese resentbecause of Assamese resentment of Bengali immigrants, many from Bangladesh. It is the second Indian state in two days to come under direct rule, Kerala being the first when its Government collapsed.

MEP fights to cut air fares

Brussels.— Lord Bethell, conservative MEP for North conservative MEP for North West London, has asked the European Court in Luxumbourg for the right to try to force down the cost of air fares. (Inn Murray writes). He wants to prosecute the European Commission because he claims it has failed to break a high price fixing cartel among European aircartel among European air

The Commission wants the court to dismiss the case as inadmissible. It says that its information on air fares means it is already investigating price fixing.

Chad's change

of heart Ndjamena. Government has dropped its opposition to a Nations-founded peacekeeping force in the country, officials said here. A delegation would shortly go to Nairobi to confirm the change of heart to President

Moi of Kenya, who is chairman of the Organization of African Unity. The OAU wants the United Nations to organize a voluntary levy of its member states to help to foot the bill for the 3,700-strong force which came to Chad last December

Seoul lifts jobs ban on women

Hongkong. - Women's Liberation groups in Asia are acclaiming the decision of the South Korean Government to end a ban against employment of women in 24 types of jobs (Richard Hughes writes).

The decision to revise the

labour law, which prohibits women from working in 30 vocations to protect them from possible industrial accidents, marks the beginning of President Chun Doo Hwan's second term of

and forced to abandon his car. British Embassy sources said. They said he was given an armed escort out of the area. By nightfall, spirals of smoke from burning cars rose from scattered points the said of the s for abusing King's name throughout Jakarta. Calm returned by 8 pm From Richard Wigg Madrid, March 18

Detectives net

spiderman

Mr Greg Sullivan, aged 26, of

Overland Park, Kansas, scaling the south face of the Hyatt Regency hotel in Kansas City. He was arrested and charged with trespassing

after a Cabinet meeting which considered the prob-lem, but decided it must be for military justice to take

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to involve King Juan Carlos and, to a lesser extent, Queen Sophia, has been constant lawyers, several of whom place.

sympathies, stepped up their the coup court martial and against a campaign to diaparage democratic institutions by the 32 accused and their defence lawyers.

Alerted by the newspapers, which have been expressing the special properties for days about the former intelligence chief of the coupling of the coupling the coup Admiral Carrero Blanco, Franco's one-time Prime

> Until rebuked by Lieut-General Luis Alvarez, President of the Supreme Council of Military Justice, several lawyers, in an orchestrated move, began maintaining the

King's support was a fact.
The defence council, as
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Col. Tejero ended his cross-examination today formally declaring on his honour that he had met General Alfonso Armada two days before the assault on Parliament, a meeting which the former deputy Army But this week defence chief maintains never took

ADVERTISEMENT THE FRORT FOR LIBERATION OF IRAN

In his news conference in Paris on January 19, 1982, Dr Ali Amini announced the formation of the Front for Liberation of Iran for the coordination of the activities of the various Iranian organizations, groups and individuals opposed to the Khomeini regime. The FLI subsequently invited all tranians dedicated to democracy and national independence to support its efforts in coordinating the programs and

Over fifty organizations have since joined the FLI and many thousands of individuals have pledged their support. But the enormity of the task before us requires more than expressions of support. It requires active participation and cooperation of all dedicated and patriotic Iranians for our country's reconstruction. We therefore appeal to all our countrymen to assist us by providing the information requested below

along with suggestions of help.

activities of the opposition forces.

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President Obote fold the Cardinal that Uganda's security forces must observe the law, even when searching for bandits. He also undertook to investigate complaints of looting harassment and arbiactivities.

has expressed regret to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kampala, Cardinal Emmaquel Nsubuga, for the inci-dent last month when armed soldiers entered his cathedral and forced out priests and worshippers in a search for anti-government guerrillas trary arrests when security forces carried out a largewho had fired mortars at an army barracks in the Ugandan capital.

The meeting between them thok place after Cardinal Naubuga had called for an scale sweep designed to clear the Kampala area of "un-desirable elements" earlier this week.

on a joint statement affirming their commitment to law and order; but President Obote emphasized that his Government had an obligation to counter terrorist During the attack on the

barracks on February 23, mortars were fired from around of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Church leaders said this was done without their knowledge.

Obote says sorry to Cardinal President Obote of Uganda official apology for what he According to Uganda radio, the two leaders agreed

Law of the gun comes to Georgia

From Ross Waby New York, March 18

Kennesaw, the city in the state of Georgia where gun owning will be mandatory from next Wednesday, will provide free firearms to those who cannot afford them. The city council of

passed the ordinance on Monday. The ordinance states: "To provide for and protect the safety, security and general welfare of the city and its inhabitants every head of household residing in the city limits is required to maintain a firearm, together

not have the money Mr Ruble said he would

all the guns surrendered to the police force of Morton Grove, Illinois, which re-cently passed a law banning possession of pistols by residents except police offi-cers and soldiers.

sume the gun law was passed as a riposte to the Morton Grove move. But many are dismayed. "It's clearly unconstitutional", Mr Eugene Huck, the dean of Kennesaw College, said. "What are they going to do next? Order everybody to buy a pick-up

and disorderly conduct after reaching the top using the window washer tracks. | nuclear holocaust?". | nuclear holocaust?". | which meant that some incumbents ended up representing the same districts and had to run against each other.

The Spanish Government have emphasized in court has condemned the "abusive their extreme right-wing use of the King's name" at

worries for days about the possible dangerous effect on public opinion, the Government rebuke came last night

action. The statement also charged the special police anti-coup brigade with investigating

about to be wound up. The attempt by the defence

The unstoppable women of Milan

The unstoppable advance of Italian fashion is spearheaded by the women of Milan. They are instantly and uncannily receptive to swings of fashion mood, and the advance guard was already marching out in the spring sunshine this week in the short, flirty skirts, the long blousons and the higher heels that were being shown on the catwalks for next autumn.

Now women are rising through the fashion ranks, with strong female designers and organizers challenging a maledominated society that still celebrates an annual "lady's day".

The higgest ovation of the savage heads of the wild animals which both repel and fascinate their designer.

"Italy has no petrol and no resources, but we do have our golden hands," says Mariuccia Mandelli, who is a perfectionist about workmanship and showed me with pride a tweed blouson shaped into the impossibly tiny pleats that are a Krizia trademark.

"From a physical point of view I feel close to other women and I think it helps to be a woman designer", says Mariuccia Mandelli whose husiness partner.

day".

The biggest ovation of the fashion week was given to Fendi, whose formidable team of five sisters (and three of their daughters) produce the most creative, covetable and technically dazzling furs in the

world.

Carla Fendi, who heads the family firm says that from a creative point of view it makes no difference whether a fashion designer is a man or a woman. She and her elder sister Anna work with Paris-based designer Karl Lagerfeld who shapes the most humble furs like squirrel, rabbit or weasel into soft poncho coats, intricately-worked three-quarter jackets or sweeping capes.

The technical achievements of the Fendis are all their own

of the Fendis are all their own. They have pushed the finishes and decoration of fur beyond known fashion boundaries. Persian lamb is perforated until the skin is reduced to an airy mesh, giving a new lightness and softness to the "old lady's" they showed beaver and softness to the "old lady's" fur. They showed beaver splashed with inky blue and green abstract patterns like a Jackson Pollock painting. Suede is printed in the pattern of Florentine end-papers. Squirrel is treated with pointilliste stencilling; mink is cut into a spider's web; rabbit skins are joined with the zigzag lines of an electro-cardiogram. of an electro-cardiogram.

"Women have a certain stub-borness in their nature", says Carla Fendi. "And our tra-Carla Fendi. "And our tra-ditional patience is an import-ant factor in the world of furriers where the first answer is always 'no'. We Fendis have a fighting family spirit that get things done".

Carla Fendi, dressed in ink-blue suede trousers and choc-olate brown sweater (Milan's two dominant colours for next

two dominant colours for next winter), paid tribute to the Italian woman: "She immediately senses a message of fashion. Every woman should have a sense of her own body and style and she has a duty to herself to make something of it. Our women have that feeling."

When Mariuccia Mandelli of Krizia showed me round their knitwear factory, I realized that there is also a deep well of traditional female skills which are black, red, ink-blue and Italian designers can draw truffle chocolate brown.

Nimble fingers were weaving angora into a witty white sweater decorated with black "ermine" tails. Sweaters like that sell to collectors for £300

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be a woman designer", says Mariuccia Mandelli whose husband, Aldo Pinto, is her

husband, Aldo Pinto, is her business partner.

She tries on everything herself, slipping a glittering puff-quilted evening jacket over her workaday khaki trousers and fluffy brown sweater. Exquisite workmanship marks the divide between Italian designer clothes and the rest of international fashion.

international fashion.

Laura Biagiotti's family comes from Florence, that mecca of Italian artisans. She mecca of Italian artisans. She brings to her designer collection fine attention to detail and a rich Renaissance feeling—laced sleeves, tapestry printed taffeta and jewel-coloured woollens. She also has, both personally and in her clothes, the warmth and femininity that foreigners like to think is typically Italian. typically Italian.

After a gruelling work schedule, Laura Biagiotti emerged in the evening in a smock of pearl white taffeta and told me that she believed that modern women want to keep romance and femininity in their ward-

KRIZIA

"I call this my doll dress". she explains. "I am not a doll — I work a 12-hour day. But I try to create a style of dressing suitable for a working woman that is not a blazer and shirt, which is just a copy of male

Laura Biagiotti's soft cash-mere dresses and wrap poncho coats (an important Milan line) are a seductive challenge to the sharp tailoring, the butch blousons and the short sombre flannel skirts that are offered by male designers like Gianni Versace and Claude Montana for Complice.

The elegant regiment of women, has not yet routed the other sex. Giorgio Armani was holed up in his palazzo refusing to reveal his new collection to the press (although he managed to design for two

managed to design for two other shows).

The leading Italian line is short (two inches above the knee) and medieval in feeling with a lot of pageboy tunics sometimes worn with short-of-the-ankle trousers. Coats are three-quarters or big and long. The poncho coat is the star.

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Television

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Television returns frequently to the subject of blood sports. It is something of an old chestnut but it makes for good pictures and high-temporary RRC2's

good pictures and nightem-perature controversy. BBC2's Forty Minutes last night dealt with fox-hunting and conveyed, more starkly than I have seen before, the mutual incomprehension that

exists between hunters and

hunt saboteurs.

hunt saboteurs.

It was quite apparent that those who spur their mounts fearlessly at the highest hedges in pursuit of the fox would never be able to make the leap to land them in the intellectual territory of the anti-foxhunter. They and the saboteurs are irrevocably in separate cultures. So we saw many witnesses but no converts either way.

verts either way.

The Hunt Saboteurs' Association, which has 4,000 paid-up members, comprises people of obvious zeal who

believe that man should exist in partnership with animals.

in partnership with animals. Most, it appears, are vegerarians who subsist on brown rice, lentils and whole-meal bread, eschewing animal products, a diet which might challenge the resolution of most of us.

They even rise earlier than the hunters, for they have further to travel in search of their prey and, as we saw, despite the most thorough campaign plans, sometimes

campaign plans, sometimes have to hunt the hunters —

who, foxy in every way, are likely to take off early and in unexpected directions, just to make the saboteurs' work more difficult.

The "sabs" did not conform with any stereotype, being not uniformly addicted to long hair Marrist affili-

to long hair, Marxist affili-

to long hair, Markist attil-ations or resentment at what might be thought an upper-class sport. One, to establish his reasonableness, declared himself a regular reader of the Daily Telegraph. They do regard hunters as "maniacs" and "sadists" and, if their legal tutor was correct, are

legal tutor was correct, are themselves filed on police records as "urban terrorists not connected with the IRA".

Some hunters accepted them as part of the rural scenery. "We have a very

them as part of the rural scenery. "We have a very friendly lot of antis", said one benign hunting lady. "They are very nice. They open gates for us". This attitude was not shared by all. We saw one confrontation where a farmer was threatening to break saboteurs' necks; another where farmerorkers made a start on

farmworkers made a start on

a similar project. Contestants on both sides of this skirmish

were contented they had won a victory — the rural aggressors, a physical one; the bloodied saboteurs, a moral

between foot followers of the

hunt and saboteurs, each side

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Above: The fighting Fendis left to right, Alta Franca, Carla, Paola, Anna, Left: Fendi's short coat and a patched cape made from a mosaic of dyed squirrel Dieces with a bold plaid

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Good to look at

Donizetti

Collegiate Theatre

It was another red-letter night for the Donizetti-Society and rare romantic opera aficionados as the operatic curtain at this year's Camden Feeting! Camden Festival rose on the British premiere of two one-act Douizetti works that had slept in reserve stock ever since their first double-bill performance in Naples in 1831. They will be aired again tonight and tomorrow.

There are usually one or two good reasons why the dust has grown so thick. The "melodrama" Francesca di Foix and the comedy La romanziera were composed between Anna Bolena and L'elisir d'amore and certainly L'elisir d'amore and certainly show Donizetti beginning to cut his expressive coat according to his technical cloth. But both are too long by half, and, even with a brave, neatly-tailored English translation by Don White, for every witty couplet, for every jolly or affective tune, every piquant moment of orchestration, there are yards of note and word-spinning that little can save. little can save.

What did just save the evening were the visual pleasure and ingenuity of Steven Gregory's designs, beautifully lit by Tim Bell, equally versatile and strong, well-chosen casts, and vib-rantly energetic musical direction from David Parry conducting the English Symphony Orchestra.

Since Francesca di Foir's tale of misguided deception, suspicion and jealousy at the sixteenth-century French court is incredible, slackly structured and dramatically vacuous, the producer, Sally Day, had to work hard. She chose to play up the musical cliches by sending them up with yet more cliched stage routines — an acceptable idea in theory, but clumsily, at times embarrassingly, over-

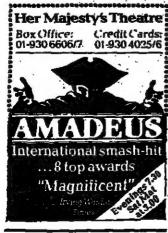
The vocal and dramatic skills of singers like Della Jones (a splendidly swaggering Page), Donald Maxwell (a rubber-faced, stentorian, villainous Count) and Russell Smythe (a dashing, vocally virile King) are considerable enough; and Gillian Sullivan, as radiant as ever, made the as radiant as ever, made the hour well worthwhile with her agile, ringing floritura as golden as her costume and the autumnal light on the

For La romanziera, these walls comoingly formed the interior of a 1920s salon. doro, the fiance of Lady Antonina, Della Jones was transformed into a romantic grande-dame of a lady novelist, while Donald Maxwell reappeared as a neatly characterized, unflaggingly resonant literary agent,

The linking spoken dialogue is missing from this work, and Opera Rara have made an ingenious job of reconstructing, resetting, rewriting and generally cooking up a piece of theatre that can house Donizetti's notes.
But here, with weaker plot
and ensembles, the production had to work even
harder, and one was painfully conscious of the fact in the valiant but seemingly endless send-ups of stock arias, the laboured comic

Again there was plenty for the ear to enjoy, particularly in Russell Smythe's tireless, musical and mellow handling of his flowery set pieces, and in Della Jones's colourful vocal and physical stamina.

Hilary Finch







Cinema

The moral behind a savage enigma

El Salvador: Another Vietnam

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Death is my Trade (A)

Paris Pullman

Rough Cut and Ready Dubbed

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The Secret Policeman's Other Ball (AA)

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Wild Women of Wonga (A)/Glen or Glenda?

The most salutory film from this week's decidedly heterogeneous selection is Glenn Silber and Tete Vasconcellos's El Salvador: Another Vietnam. American made, it is vehicularly anti-interventionist; and the clarity of its exposition and weight of documentary evi-dence are shocking and unduck-

The credit titles reveal the huge range of archive sources that have been searched to make the case, to show how the old oligarchy maintains its grasp of the wealth of El Salvador by the simple process of eliminating any oppo-sition from those who have been denied even the smallest share. Like any other argumentative documentary of the sort, this one invites us to see and hear the testimony of people — priests, politicians, missionaries, peasants — who argue the case for the underprivileged. The difference in El Salvador: Another Vietnam is that the next moment we are likely to see the abused corpses of these self-same people being retrieved from shallow graves.

The viewpoint is not only that of the resistance and revolution. The

cameras accompany a military detachment ostensibly implementing the vaunted agrarian reform programme; the operation, which

is called a "sweep", turns out to be an undisguised policing and punitive exercise. President Duarte himself has his say, to answer, with undeniable if unguarded logic, the charges that a lot of peasants have been killed: nat-urally then have be save since. urally they have, he says, since most people in El Salvador are

The film-makers remain unemo-tional and rational, and their film presents both a moral and an enigma. The moral (voiced by one of the San Francisco longshoremen who boycotted military shipments to the junta) is that hunger and oppression create more revol-utionaries and Communists than Russia or Cuba could ever make. The enigma is how soldiers—whether here or in Poland, whose military regime looks almost benevolent beside that of El Salvador or anywhere else—can be trained to turn their guns, ruthlessly, and unquestioning, upon their own kin.

Part of the answer is provided in Theodor Kotulla's Aus cinem deutschen Leben, shown here as Death is my Trade, which recreates the life story of Rudolf Höss, the commandant of Auschwitz who with relevaless efficiency raised with relentless efficiency raised the daily rate of extinctions, to become eventually responsible for the death of millions of Jews.

Seeking an explanation for the good soldier" enigma, Kotulla "good soldier" enigma, Kotulia quotes an American psychlogist, Stanley Milgram, who wrote a study of Obedience to Authority: "The essence of obedience consists in the fact that a person comes to view himself as the instrument for carrying out another person's wishes, and he therefore we longer regards himself as the efforce we longer regards himself. therefore no longer regards him-self as responsible for his actions. "Hoss was the perfect schools ... hoss was the perfect case-history, not "a heroic figure struggling with conscience, nor a pathologically aggressive man ruthlessly exploiting a position of power, but a functionary who has here for the power of the conditional to the condition of the conditional to t been given a job to do and who strives to create an impression of competence in his work."

A boy soldier devoted to his A boy soldier devoted to his officers in the First World War, Hoss joined the Freikorps after it, dutifully shooting Spartakist revolutionaries. The drift through unemployment to the SA was inevitable, as was the zeal to justify Himmler's confidence in promoting him to run the Auschwitz programme.

**Executive Film based on Höss's

Kotulla's film, based on Böss's reminiscences — written while awaiting execution — and Robert. Merle's novel Le Mort est mon metier, shows a man who sees no blood on his hands, only ink. It is a routine job, sitting at a desk, passing plans for gas chambers





Connolly in "The Secret Policeman's Other Bail" and "Women of Wonga" in line for a Golden Turkey award.

and crematoria, adding up the daily figures, checking train timetables and consignments. For Hoss, Auschwitz is the office; and, when a shot is heard, he turns his back in cheerful confidence that "the officer will put it in the report", that in the end it is all statistics on paper.

Men like Hoss are dangerous not

Men like Höss are dangerous not because they are inherently wicked but because they are dull and stupid. It is a proposition that is not easy to dramatize. Villains we know make good drama. Dull men tend to stay dull. Conscientiously Kotulla has resisted any temptation to sensationalize his material. He practically never shows us the victims. As conscientiously, and at great length, he details every step of Hoss's progress. For all the care and good intentions it grows terribly ponderous; and the danger is that, when even a slight boredom is allowed to set in, the sense of the importance of the subject is all too rapidly

The perils of obedience and conformism are apparent again in the documentary reportage Rough Cut and Ready Dubbed. It is not a specially sophisticated piece of film-making — it is, after all, the work of ten teenagers, imaginatively subsidized by the Greater London Arts Association and the London Arts Association and the Brirish Film Institute — but is is as lively and intimate a view as we have seen of punk bands and their

Many of the performers (most notably the urchin Cockney Re-jects) are bright as berries and totally self-aware. Most of the faus are tribals, conforming not just to their obligatory uniforms as skins or mods or punks but also to group attitudes on race, authority and riot. There is a startling glimpse of the power of the performer as demagogue: a mu-sician recalls how a word to the punk supporters at a concert was enough to launch a sharp military fashion mop-up of hostile skins in the audience. It is a funny, amiable, truthful and finally disquieting ethnographical study of the lost tribes of London.

Reverting momentarily to El Salvador, Ol' Hopalong proves the undoubted star of The Secret Policeman's Other Ball. John Wells has added to his twitchy Denis Thatcher (who never seems as smiley as the real thing) an eerily real Ronald Reagan; beaming under his pancake as he menaces Reds of all colours, and experiencing grave difficulty in putting his pistol back into its holster.

It is only one of the unruly treats of the annual charity show in aid of Amnesty, this year unassumingly put on film by Julien Temple. Other memorable highlights include Billy Connolly's loving reminiscences of the crunch of glass underfoot at Glaswegian parties, and Alan Bennett's characterization of a mild-mannered

married man charging out of the closet in W.11.

married man charging out of the closet in W.11.

Since someone had the notion of a Golden Turkey award there has been a campy vogue for bad films. It is a harmless spectator sport, and all next week the Scala provides a double bill of two of the worst. The 1950s seem to have been the classic nadir; the dominant characteristic of the most enjoyably awful of such films is foolish, blind ambition. The makers of Wild Women of Wonga, for instance, set out to make a lusty South Seas romance given only a few yards of Florida shore, two beach huts thinly disguised with grass and a bunch of non-acting no-talent apparently picked acting no-talent apparently picked off the street.

off the street.

At some point they clearly recognized the idiocy of the thing and played it for laughs. The quality of Edward D. Wood Junior was his invulnerable innocence in the face of his own folly. Glen or Glenda?, a problem picture about transvestites (in 1954 sex changes were in the news), is a muddle of were in the news), is a muddle of bad acting and worse writing, diabolic dream sequences and endless scenes of devastated wives coming upon their hubbies wearing their best sweaters and stockings. The star turn is Bela Lugosi as chorus, surrounded by skeletons and fuming retorts, and acting the celestial pupper master with joyful cries of "Pool the

David Robinson

Concerts

Realms of rapture

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Beethoven did not have a great deal of time for emperors, so one can well magine his annoyance that we should still be calling his we should still be calling his fifth piano concerto by its baseless nickname, and his amazement that, nearly two centuries after the event, we should be performing the cantata he wrote at the age of 19 on the death of the Habshurg ruler Losent II. Habsburg ruler Joseph II. More than a dubious title, though, justified the choice of these two works for of these two works for Wednesday night's BBC Wednesday mgnrs and Symphony Orchestra concert conducted by Rudolf Bar-shai, and more than a harmonic comparibility, the concerto being in E flat and the cantata in C moor. Both works swept before us strong and vital, and also serenely beautiful in their centrepiec-

In the concerto, Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich found for the start of the slow move-ment a miraculous textured pianissimo, at once clear and opaque. Itse frosted glass, and seeming to hold the music stationary. He then quickly, and rightly, turned away from a manner that could have appeared precious if prolonged, but he returned to it for the breathtaking that was supplied by a march and chorus from The Ruins of Athens, bringing us back to imperial E flat and also reminding us once more of the present vigour and wholeness of the BBC Symphony Chorus.

Paul Griffiths

Phemios Trio

Purcell Room

Nowadays we tend to assume that a composer such as Max

Bruch wrote in a sub-Brahm-

sian dialect, yet this is probably to miss the point

probably to miss the point. The three movements from his Acht Stucke, Op 83, with which the Phemios Trio of Amsterdam began their concert on Wednesday had a lyricism of their own, a vein of melodic inventiveness and

a style of writing for clarinet, violin and piano considerably

different from that of the

greater composer. At some points one was briefly re-minded of Elgar.

This, in any case, is a good

sombre, hovering violence.

The remaining works in

transition to the finale, so that as soon as the rondo was under way he could snatch back the veils and ride off at a cantering pace, his rhythms upright and secure.

The memorial cantata, possibly the best piece Beethoven wrote before his mid-

twenties, is no mere pious homage but a genuine expression of the grim concern any radical young man must have felt at the death of Europe's most enlightened monarch within a year of the storming or the Bastille. Its storming or the Bastille. Its big C minor choruses are already moving out of conventional tragic grandeur into the personal realms that Beethoven was to find in this key. The middle soprano aria with chorus is simply rapturous, and here was sung with rapturous simplicity by Felicity Lott, who still kept me listening open-mouthed through the considerably less wonderful recitative and aria that followed. that followed.

One thing the cantata lacks
inevitably, given its purpose — is a rousing conclusion, and very cleverly that was supplied by a march and chorus from The Ruins

were all of maximum originality in their own times.

although when Stravinsky arranged his L'Histoire du Soldat music for violin

Soldat music for violin, clarinet and piano he exten-

sively recomposed it.

The influence of ragtime,

an old music in America by

1917 yet still new in Europe

at that time, is acknowledged in the movement headed "Tango-Valse-Rag", but in fact runs through the suite. The Phemios Trio's rhythmic acuity was therefore much

Mozart's very different

stylistic requirements for his Trio K 498 were also well

met, especially in the open-ing Andante. This had a

ing Andante, Itus mean delightful warmth, clarity and grace. With its cadenzas and violin, Bar-

for clarinet and violin, Bar-

tok's Contrasts is far more virtuosic in conception, al-

though the music is just as

closely argued. The perform-

ance was again notably confident and spontaneous, however, with the quick outer movements generating,

through their rhythmic dis-

placements, a stinging inten-

Max Harrison

appreciated.

Sensitive texture

this



Background: "Woza Albert"

Townships in life

call the bluff of the Dutch
Reformed Church, the spiritual bastion of apartheid. It
dramatizes a visit to the
country by Christ, known by
his local name of Morena.
Predictably the bluff is
called, the politicians find he
is too much of an awkward
customer and Morena is
allied with the struggle for
black liberation in a concluding scene in which he raises
folk heroes like Albert
Luthuli and Steve Biko from
the grave. the grave.

Its success before integrated audiences at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg and on tour round the townships has been immense, enough to prompt the pro-ducers to take the show to Europe, the United States, in August to the Edinburgh Pestival and in September to the Riverside Studios in London Next Tuesday BBC I's Everyman is showing a large section of the play and

Both are atheist children of Christian families and identify with some bitterness the role of faith in the the role of faith in the maintenance of apartheid immediacy and familiarity of mame of God". They put overcome the unfamiliarity of the show and apartheid of the range of reference.

But for Simon share in the political issues should be show and apartments. the show and eventually managed to interest Barney Simon, co-founder of the Market's resident group The Company. He sent them back to look more closely at the look more cl the show and eventually managed to interest Barney to look more closely at the that's what's in this play. South Africans they por That's what people will trayed and then he worked at remember when they see it."

pulling the play into shape. Simon's adoption of the

Woza Albert, South Africa's play transformed the careers most successful play in the of both actors. Previously last couple: of years, was conceived as an attempt to show in the townships but call the bluff of the Durch now they had a major city that the plad as important the careers and most important to the careers and most important that the careers are successful play in the careers and the careers are careers. show in the townships but now they had a major city theatre and, most important

The run began with every-body concerned expecting censorship at some stage. Nothing happened. The usual process is for a member of the audience to complain to the authorities but they heard nothing and remain, so To white audiences now

growing accustomed to a steady flow of creative work from blacks, it was a success-ful play. To black audiences it was an affirmation of their contempt for and hilarity at the system. Simon had worked hard to sharpen the edges of the caricatures of blacks and whites and the result produced such de-lighted recognition in the townships that the play regularly played 15 or 20 minutes longer than in Johannesburg.
Dressed in track

portrays how it evolved.

That evolution began in the odd additional item of the odd additional item o local theatricals in the black townships where Mbongeni Ngema and Percy Miwa first met. "We grew to like each other and we both felt we needed to do something more satisfying theatrically", explains Miwa.

Pack are othered abiliary the ond additional item of clothing, tea chests for seats and ping-pong balls for their noses when they are playing writer — and employ a variety of languages, though for non-South African audiences there will be some ences there will be some translation. Whether this Christian families and recipe exports successfully remains to be seen, but, in

Whispered lessons

matics.

A Little Like Drowning

labour of love, a memorial to lessons whispered across the the turbulence of an Italian generations. For the most domestic heritage that stretches from the heat of Italy to the cold and damp of England and Ireland. It has so much familial intricacy, with scenes frim the past. characters at many different points of their lives, that Mr Minghela has felt obliged to provide a family tree.

An even clearer statement of his intentions is in the dedication he prints to the memory of his grandmother. It is not a fashionable sort of drama that he offers her, taking as its concerns the sanctity of marriage and the ramifications of a broken Roman Catholic marriage, but he offers several differ-ent levels of understanding. That diversity means that at least one level will speak with feeling to many different audiences.

The grandmother of the play remembers events which are represented dramatically, so that the fiasco of her wedding night in Italy is tenderly staged with Jenny Howe transformed in a moment from a crotchetty woman of 72 to a skittish bride. Haluk Bilginer is established as the Anglo-Italian husband in that scene, established first as a creature of memory and then establishing his own existence so that he darts in and out of the action, taking a mistress and finally running away to Dublin with her.

The characters remembered into being become independent of the memory, yet in the present continue with the grandmother speaking to her youngest grandchild, passing down her experience and even theological speculation to the only willing listener. Mr Minghela's play, benefiting from the

The English National Opera revival of La Boheme at the Coliseum, which Hilary Finch reviewed on this page last week, was directed by Peter Forster. Jean-Claude Auvray, who was responsible for the original production, Bryan Appleyard has not supervised the current run of performances.

Theatre

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took great pains to produce moral credentials. Supporters instanced public works to attest their humanity; sabsympathy of Rod Lewis's production, is so delicate in Warehouse, Croydon

Warehouse, Croydon

Anthony Minghela's A Little
Like Drowning is obviously a
labour of love, a memorial to oteurs lectured on the sanc-tity of wildlife, One of the cameramen who recorded this immensely visual but inevitably incon-

Ned Chaillet

visual but inevitably inconclusive essay was kicked in the groin by a hunter during the course of it. Was that deliberate, one asked the producer John Percival? Preserving a commendable neutrality to the end, he declined to say.

Dennis Hackett

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Putting the President in

his proper place

Former Rhodesian Prime Minister Garfield Todd on Zimbabwe's political future Garfield Todd, Prime Min-ister of Southern Rhodesia from 1953 to 1958, favoured



the gradual advancement of Africans to equality with whites. He instituted the commission which proposed freehold tenure for Africans in towns and the abolition of the pass system. Uneasiness among hes cabinet colleagues led to his

being ousted from the leader-ship of the United Rhodesia Party and the premiership, and as the policies of white supremacy intensified, Todd became increasingly isolated. In 1972 he was detained under security regulations and was restricted to his

ranch until 1976.

He was a political adviser to Joshua Nkomo's delegation to the Lancaster House constitutional nego-tiations that led to Zim-babwe's independence and is now a senator in Zimbabwe's parliament.



Multi-racial seating in Zimbabwe: blacks make up 97 per cent of the population

Why one-party rule would work

Zanla and Zipra, the military arms of the people, fought not just to change the name of our country but to clear the way for revolutionary changes in its politics, economics and social structures. Rhodesia was a white man's country, Zimbabwe is a land for all her people, 97 per cent of whom are black. Success must be measured by the degree of change, by the benefit which this brings in the life of the people. For example, in 1980 there were 800,000 children in school. Now we have 1,600,000 scholars.

In the past the 800,000 extra children would have been loitering around the villages because there was no appetite for exercise books. place for them in school. Most people are better fed Schools are full; schools are and better clothed but the villages because there was no over-full: all through the revolution only starts there, country schools are being. The real change, the matter huilt. There is hope and of supreme importance, was morale is high. The largest to restore dignity to the vote in our budget is not for the army but for education.

Free medical care — not as "supreme largest to restore dignity to the vote in our budget is not for dawn. Now there is no longer "white" land and "black"

Free medical care — not as adequate as we would like nor as good as it will be — is. available to all people who earn less than Z\$150 (about £114) a month. This means most people, for although minimum wages have doubled there are economic limits led there are economic limits which are not subject to government control.

And how is the health of the economy? Lord Carrington said recently: "Consider-ing how Zimbabwe got its sands of our people who are returning from universities around the world and from our own university are emerging new leaders in industry, commerce and agritual investors must be encouraged to come to Zimbahwa independence and the prob-

survived for 32 years as the

education and health services, of much better wages, have already raised living standards in the homes to such a marked degree that the suppliers and manufacturers of bread, sugar, milk, meat, of bread, sugar, milk, meat, and leave was transient and of bread, sugar, milk, meat, cooking oil, blankets, shoes and clothing cannot meet the

demand.

As for newsprint, there is a chronic shortage. Daily paper circulations have soared, and the extra 800,000 children in school have an insatiable experience to the new Zimbat about socialism land, no longer white privi-lege and black queues.

The first people's government has made dynamic changes which can be seen everywhere. In 1980 whites held all senior posts in the civil service. Now 13 blacks and 17 whites are permanent secretaries, 43 blacks and 41 whites are deputy sec-retaries, 49 blacks and 38 whites are under- secretaries. All editors of our papers are blacks, and from the thou-

lege was transient and dangerous and that their safest course would be to renounce it and identify

But what about socialism and Marxism? The economy

The key to democracy is not necessarily a multi- party system ... the freedom of a man

to vote for his representative at regular intervals is what matters'

is a mixed one and will remain so, whether that is good or bad. From the level cabinet ministers to the humble wives of polygamous peasants, human nature has to Robert Mugabe", said one old woman, "and tell him my chickens are my own".

Visitors judge from the figures supplied to them. I reach a similar conclusion by observing the improvement in the life-style of the people. Policies of "sharing", of "socialism", of free primary education and health services, of much better place as for the people of under-employment. There are only a million jobs in the cash economy and if 800,000 amalgamated into our passant farmers on an acceptable economic level then wast tracts of land will have peasant tarmers on an acceptable economic level then wast tracts of land will have to be acquired by Government from white farmers and made available for black evidence of a plot.

> And what about the one-party state? The war was fought to bring freedom to the individual, not to set up any particular type of government. The key to democracy is not necessarily a multi-party system, a American one. Whether one-party or multi-party, the freedom of a man to speak and to cast his vote for his representative in government at regular intervals is what

Each country has its own problems to face and we certainly have ours. The discovery of caches of arms sufficient to equip 5,000 men has caused uproar, confusion and political storm. But there have been no mass arrests, no riots. Trouble there is, but not disaster. The Government has really not felt at risk and this should be reassuring.

For 20 years we have had

great sadness but we are a friend Jason Moyo of Zapu, living and viable country; both now resting together in established in freedom at the cost of 27,000 precious lives. I have known Joshua Nkomo with affection and respect David Rockefeller, in for 30 years. I deeply regret zimbabwe, said: "The societies of the world are in would have been simpler for various stages of social and us if our liberty had been cultural development and it would have been simpler for various stages of social and us if our liberty had been contained to the contained and it was to be a second and

In the bitterness of the moment Dr Nkomo's men will stay in Government, a triumph for the good sense of Nkomo and the responsible conduct of the Prime Minister. Change I welcome. A one-party state I can accept it enshrines the liberty of the individual to speak open-ly and to vote in secret. A one-party state could well be our best form of government for it would bring together the mass of our people who have similar political aspirations but who might divide on the grounds of tribe and personalities.

I have worked with the people for 48 years and I am confident that Zimbabwe will remain stable and prosperous. This conviction is firmly based on my intimate knowledge of many thousands of young men and women who have passed through Dadaya School. It is reinforced by my knowledge of such leaders as Josiah Tongogara

My faith in Zimbabwe is buttressed by the actions and speeches of a great man, Robert Gabriel Mugabe and by my belief that the people of Zimbabwe will never lack

Like Trooping the Colour, it is the kind of thing the British do best, with every-one moving into his place with well-drilled precision and a natural sense of occasion, the Government a picture of courteous embarrassment, the Opposition huffing and puffing, the Speaker expressing stagey bewilderment, The Daily Telegraph admonishing the are equally committed to the United States. White House for bad man-ners, and a steady susurrus

Churchili and King William Rufus can be faintly but incessantly heard. All very cheering. But admiration for a great per-formance should not be allowed to abscure the underlying and still unanswered question - which is whether, to put it crudely, we need to butter up President Reagan, and if so should we, like Disraeli, "lay it on with a trowel."

magnificent.

If we were a less inhibited society situated somewhere to the south and east it would be easy. We should just give our guest the best of everything, including Westminster Hall, simply because he was our guest. But since we are living in a Protestant country between the 50th and 60th North latitudes we make distinctions and grade our visitors, and that being so, it becomes a serious matter to calculate how important they are to us, how much we owe them, and how much we want from them. The majority of the Labour

Party, united on this subject, as least, with Mr Foot, would presumably argue that we owe Mr Reagan nothing — rather the reverse, since he has exported high interest rates to us because of an obsession with defence spending and is busy spoiling the West's relations with the Third World on our behalf. And we want nothing from him except, very im-plausibly, that he should desist from these trans-gressions and complete disarmament negotiations with the Russians as rapidly as possible.

The defence of Western Europe is an American interest, and in any case Europe is over-defended, Europe is over-defended, considering the unlikelihood of a Soviet attack. In these circumstances, the President is entitled to a little frigid courtesy as the head of a supposedly friendly state tial investors must be encouraged to come to Zimbabwe and see for themselves".

When such comments are made by such men what can I add but "Amen?".

Mr Ian Smith and those various stages of social and the seems to menatural and even desirable that they adopt the leadership of dynamic and dedicated men instead of Zanla with additional desirable that they adopt the leadership of dynamic and dedicated men and desirable that they adopt the leadership of our like the desirable that the leadership of the leadership of our like the desirable that the leadership of our like the desirable that the leadership of our like the desirable that the

nism and Soviet expansion, Second World War, and has and much besides. What to some extent continued to features larger still in the this day.

calculations of the Government, however, is the need to keep the United States fully committed to the defence of Western Europe and there-fore convinced that the allies

Given the present tensions over the Middle East, Poland, of crowd noises in which only the names of de Gaulle, economic sanctions against the Soviet Union, and burden-sharing in the alliance, there is a serious risk that there is a serious risk that American public opinion would turn against Europe and that we should see Congress enacting the kind of punitive troop cuts in Europe envisaged in the 1960s by Senator Mike Mans-Sald This can be headed off Americanism and neutralism that will undoubtedly line

some of the streets.

The hinge of this dispute (insofar as it is not merely a contrast of instinctive pro-



Mr Reagan: do we really need to butter him up?

and anti-American reactions) is a judgment about how the balance of the argument is tilting in Washington. This is by no means a simple calculation. At first sight, the "anti-Europeans" constitute a formidable body of opinion. just now. First there are the new

right-wing Republican con-gressmen and senators who came in on the Reagan coattails. These are not so much isolationists in the old sense as unsophisticated and inex.

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perienced, and they are suffering from a violent is arrayed.

nationalist fever caught amid the humiliations of Vietnam and Watergate.

They reflect on an explese Russians appear to be the

plane, the sentiments of the man on the Milwaukee omnibuss which are that America has been pushed around too long, that we ought to sought out those Reds' and that those god damn Europeans had better "shape up" or else.

else. Next there are the Califor-

The muddle about whether President Reagan was really invited to address the British Parliament, and if so, whether in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords or in Westminster Hall, has been with the flew straight on to interested in the Pacific than the Atlantic, which has been furrowed in the past to an different view. She evidently believes that we owe Mr Reagan a great deal—the inspiration of a monetarist over Atlantic operation. different view. She evidently believes that we owe Mr Reagan a great deal — the inspiration of a monetarist with the courage of his convictions, the support of a doughty opponent of communism and Soviet expansion. side of Churchill during the Second World War, and has to some extent continued to

by appeals to a famous and respectable intellectual pro-genitor, Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, whose seminal ninethe significance of sea power have become fashionable again in some Pentagon circles. Mahan's ideas were original and comprehensive but the one that finds the most important echo under present circumstances is the notion that the US is, geographically speaking, really a gigantic island pow-

In Mahan's day this island the was self-sufficient, but now it is not; it is forced, like Britain in the eighteenth and field. This can be headed off Britain in the eighteenth and by demonstrations of loyalty nineteenth centuries, to bear and affection in Europe to a lonely burden of world put alongside the placards power, mainly at sea, in and demonstrations of anti-order to protect its internal

Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of Defence, probably has to be counted as a member of this group, moderate one. He is a highly civilized Anglophile, but it is significant that his great hero is the younger Pitt, whose coalition against revolutionary France was a ramshackle affair of considerably less significance than his perception of the necessity to resist the French on grounds of British interest.

It is easy to suppose that against this confederacy the traditional alliance of multilateralists is outgunned. But the struggle is much more evenly matched in terms of men and materiel than it looks. There is the State Department and the Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, with his Nato back-ground. There is the East Coast establishment of the post-war years, aging but still powerful; there is the East Coast press and television centred in New York; there is the financial and industrial world whose investment markets are still beavily Europe-orientated; and there is the ethnic vote which, while it has the refugee's contempt for those left behind, is also determined that Europe should not fall under Soviet hegemony. That is really the point. In

the end, however desirable it may seem to combat communist expansion in the Far East and Africa, however dangerous the situation in the Middle East, it is in Europe that the main panoply of the Soviet Union

take risks with European defence. A successful Mansfield "amendment" of today might possibly earmark forces in Europe for switch-ing to the Middle East in case of emergency, but the chances of a radical with-drawal are remote in the

. That is no argument, of course, for Mrs Thatcher not being nice to President Reagan on personal grounds or out of admiration for his country. It merely means that she is not absolutely obliged to give him Westminster Hall for reasons

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Could Roy belong to Glasgow?

by Willie Hamilton MP

MP for West (now Central)
Fife. So why shouldn't Mr
Roy Jenkins, one-time Chancellor of the Exchequer, onetime Home Secretary, onetime President of the EEC, and one-time member of the resenting English consumers.

And the Queen is partial to the tartan with more than a touch of Scots blood in her veins.

And there is the rub. Roy have been in Fife ever since. Most of my best friends are peculiar posh accent; but it may be one of them followed by the consumers of them have been in Fife ever since. Most of my best friends are peculiar posh accent; but it may be one of them followed by the constant policies are peculiar posh accent; but it may be no handicap. Labour Party, win a parlia-mentary seat in Glasgow week? If the Scots can accept English folk like Mrs Judith

resenting English constituencies. And the Queen is won.

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you could sit back in confi-dence knowing that he would

dence knowing that he would demolish the opposition.

No one should underestimate Mr Jenkins or write him off. He is a considerable political figure still. His principles are sufficiently flexible to enable him to change them from day to day, and from one audience to another. What he said in mentary seat in Glasgow partial to the tartan with more than a touch of Scots English folk like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Mrs Judith Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Hart and myself, surely they can embrace a Welshman like Hart and myself, surely they was and from one audience to another. What he said in doubten was the precall are both in the great and bivious drawback; nor the genuliar posh accent; but it must have grated a bit. The back of any coherent policies or lack of any coherent policies or

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I letters rather than figures. It will not affect Curtis Brown's working relationship with the host of living authors the agency represents, such as Patrick White, John Betjeman, Samuel Beckett, David Lodge and Frederick Forsyth.

The newly independent company will, though, incorporate Spokesmen, an associated firm dealing with writers, directors and designers in film, television and theatre. The chairman will be Richard Odgers, whose speciality is films and West End plays. The joint managing directors will be Michael

buy back a future

The seven senior partners in The seven senior partners in London's largest literary agency, Curtis Brown, are buying the business back from the City financiers who have owned it since 1967. Their purchase includes some of the most richly-endowed literary estates, including those of C. S. Lewis, W. H. Auden, John Steinbeck, Elizabeth Bowen, Joyce Cary, R. C. Sherriff and A. A. Milne, the last still an industry in itself.

Curtis Brown was founded in 1899 by (Albert) Curtis Brown, until then the London correspondent of a New York paper. His son, Spencer, sold it in a £165,000 cashand-share deal in 1967, to Industrial Finance and Investment, which later became the Dawnay Day Group and was in its turn taken over by Jacob Rothschild's RIT a couple of years ago.

The change in ownership now represents a recognition by the money men that literature might after all best be left in the hands of men (and women) concerned with

men (and women) concerned with letters rather than figures. It will

THE TIMES DIARY



Bugs Bunny has The two Loony Tune characters, been to Cambridge regulars from a Marriott theme University. He has park in California, are here to also had a well-publicize the tourist attractions of also had a well-publicize the tourist attractions of attended reception the Santa Clara area. They are, of at the American course, elaborate costumes ani-Embassy in Lon-mated by humans, whose anondon, and today will ymity is carefully preserved by a be visiting the Great Ormond Street typically American security system. children's hospital. Meanwhile his The creatures are allowed to go friend Daffy Duck has been on a nowhere unaccompanied. waddle round St. James's Park.

Shaw, who represents Antonia Fraser, Robert Lacey, Malcolm Bradbury and Gore Vidal; and Peter Murphy who almost monopolizes theatre directors.

What price RIT have set on the well filled package I cannot disclose but while acknowledging that the financial investors have been "very decent" one of the newly-liberated directors did say: "It feels like it will be Lent for ever."

Piet Dankert, the Dutch socialist who is now president of the European Parliament, fosters re-lations with the press at diners debats. Last week, after an excellent dinner (three courses, two wines), British representatives asked him how he would vote if he

today, Helmut Schmidt will be speaking fluent slightly American English. Yet he once had a strong

English. Yet he once had a strong Lancashire accent.

As a boy he spent a term in 1932 at a school in Manchester, and says that 20 years later was still finding it difficult to correct his pronunciation.

On the wall of his bungalow in the grounds of the Chancellery is a cutting of an interview he gave to the Manchester Evening Chronicle at the time. He was paid a guinea for it, which compared handsomely with the 30 pfennigs a week pocket money he was used to at home.

Cereal rights

The Bishop of Truro wins applause were voting in Britain at the next general election. Quick as a flash came the reply: "Social Democrat of course."

The Bishop of Truro wins applause for his Grace (quoted here yesterday) using other people's material. The thanksgiving prayer preferring corn flakes to porridge comes that information he relays on the impending contest for the editorship of the New by the Women's Institute, and won an even bigger round of applause for his Grace (quoted here yesterday) using other people's material. The thanksgiving prayer preferring corn flakes to porridge comes for the editorship of the New by the Women's Institute, and won an even bigger round of applause for his Grace, published by the Women's Institute, and won an even bigger round of applause speculative that information he relays on the impending contest for the editorship of the New Statesman is a great deal less speculative than that magazine's when used by Peter Jay, on breakfast television, at an occasion issue, that Jeremy Thorpe is

organized some time ago by the considering applying for the Women's Advertising Club of editorship of its SDP-Liberal rival.

The Democrat. Respectfully PHS

A Toulouse-Lautrec painting of the Irish singer May Belfort comes up for sale at Sotheby's on March 31. She is shown at the Café-Concert des Décadents dressed as a child and holding a small black cat, so she is presumably singing the song which made her famous: I've got a finite cat, I'm very fond of that.

Suggests the NS board looks for an editor who will persuade the staff to check the facts first.

Theoretically the Barbican Centre is once more accepting credit card bookings by telephone, but, PHS she is presumably singing the song warns, the wife of one senior executive here spent the whole of Wednesday.

once more accepting credit card-bookings by telephone, but, PHS warns, the wife of one senior executive here spent the whole of Wednesday and most of yesterday

which made her famous: I've got a little cat, I'm very fond of that.

Appropriate to the menue, though, Sotheby's say that her real fancy was for frogs, snakes and scorpions and that she had a sadistic nature. Lautrec, of course, found her so fascinating that he produced five portraits, six lithographs and a poster of her within a few months.

Stepping up

Dian Tatlian is about to become the first Russian defector to top the bill at Las Vegas. Tatlian, a singer, described as Moscow's Barry Manillow, was the Soviets' matinee idol and had sold 52 million records, before he escaped to the West in 1974.

Now he is relaunching his careers, has been booked by the Dunes Hotel to lead their floorserice.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is a great mimic, according to his week's Moman's World. James says his father imitated his predecessor. Dr Donald Coggan, to such good effect over the telephone that he fooled a fellow bishop who was England conference. The lax prelate was packing his bags to hurry back before the impersonation was confessed.

Dially Quilz

This week's news teasers:

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This week's news teasers:

1. Who tried to expose an indecency legally and was faced with a flop?

2. Who was diverted after being struck by lighting?

3. Where were 69 lords found a leaping?

4. Which press baron is still mixed up with the harlots? Answers on Monday,

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Bir Zeit University

From Mr David Astor and others

Sir. We wish to draw attention to

form, now in civilian dress.
All Arab students suffer har-

the University of Bir Zeit seem to

closed for a further two months

on what are termed "security" grounds. Tactics like this, coupled with the plight of Arab students in frequent and arbitrary exercise Israeli occupied territory whose of powers to accept or reject the human right to education is effectively denied by Israeli ban the importation of books, make it close to impossible to maintain satisfactory academic maintain satisfactory academic All Arab students suffer har standards, and students whose assment, but the 2,000 who atend final examiations must be taken

this summer are penalized for no fault of their own.
We would like to apeal to all be singled out for special attention. Closed last November for two months and reopened in January, Bir Zeit has now been to add their protests to those of

Jewish Isralis, academics and others, who have braved the tear gas and upheld the the honour of Israel by demonstrating in solidarity with the University of Bir

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAW AND ORDER

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One of the most cherished bership of these committees, traditions of the police in or better still abolish such Britain is that they are a committees in favour of nonforce established to exercise political regional police power on behalf of the boards, which would however community, not over the have "a political input" and community. It follows there be responsible to Parliament fore that the police should be Mr Anderton is right to responsible to the community fear political control over the responsible to the community fear political control over the for the power that they police from whatever quarter exercise on its behalf. But such a threat might come: But exercise on its behalf. But such a threat might come But there is another tradition that he has not suggested the right remedy. Satisfactory accountis no less important: operational independence for the ability needs to be both local police. This principle has recently been expressed most cogently by Lord Scarman in and to a body the majority of whose members are elected representatives. This must mean through the agency of local government. Many people may agree with this in principle but be horrified at the capacity and apparent motives of some local council. his report on the Brixton riots: "Neither politicians nor pressure-groups nor anyone else may tell the police what decision to take or what methods to employ, whether to enforce the law or not in lors who are given the responsibility. Such critics particular case, or how to investigate a particular ofhave a point, but the way to fence". This principle is seek safeguards against unjustifiable abuse is not to try necessary partly for efficient policing but even more to avoid what Lord Scarman described as "manipulation and abuse of the law, whether to bypass local councillors. They are the people thrown up by the local democratic process, and if someone is to speak and act in a representafor political or private ends",

The practical question is how to reconcile these two

requirements for good policing. Operational independence

for the police is accepted in

principle throughout the country, but the method of

arrangement that has provoked the criticism of Mr

James Anderton, the Chief Constable of Greater Man-

illegal trade in arms to

chester.

The better course is to seek to define more precisely the limits to the jurisdiction of country, but the method of such committees. They have accountability varies between the right, subject to the London and the rest of the approval of the Home country. The Metropolitan Secretary, to appoint chief Police are responsible to the constables and before making Home Secretary, elsewhere such appointments they may the police are accountable to reasonably question him on police committees composed the strategy of policing that of local councillors and he would employ. It is the magistrates. It is this latter duty of a chief constable to arrangement that has proreport periodically to his police committee, who again may reasonably scrutinize his policy and express any anxieties on behalf of the Mr Anderton fears that local community, and a wise these committees are being chief constable will weigh used as instruments for very carefully what is said.

tional role on behalf of the

community he needs to be

effective action to be taken against a chief constable. Provided that there is a general appreciation of the proper frontier between the power of the police committee and that of the police themselves, a determined chief constable is not without reasonable safeguards.

There remains the anomaly of the different arrangements for accountability for the Metropolitan Police. To some extent this is justified by the difference in responsibilities. The Metropolitan Police are more than a local force: they have special duties because they operate in the capital and they have some national tasks as well. They have a leadership role and they provide various forms of assistance for other forces. That is the reason why they need to be directly accountable to the Home Secretary.

But if they are more than a local force, they are nonetheless a local force, This is not provided for in present arrangements. Mr Callaghan, speaking as a former Home Secretary as well as Prime Minister, suggested this week that there should be a new authority on which local authorities would be represented this well as the Home Office Illimate responsibility. Office. Ultimate responsibility for this force must remain with the Home Secretary, but it is desirable that the London boroughs be associated with process of accountability. If such a change were made there would be a reasonable structure of accountability securing control over the But this process must stop police by political extremists: short of giving a chief conHe would wish to give magis- stable instructions or implied trates at least half the mem- instructions on operational

SHAMROCK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Whatever private reservations restored to office, went to the British Government may Washington for St Patrick's from Ireland to take place have about President day (a voyage which says with honour and dignity."

Reagan's attitude towards much about another "Irish In other words Mr Reagan other of the world's trouble dimension", taking the should twist Mrs Thatcher's spots, they can have no national leader out of the arm till she twists the arm of complaint about his attitude towards horder Ireland, he may have expected Mr had the mortification of reLike his predecessors he is Reagan to be a bit more ceiving a reply which sounds Reagan to be a bit more ceiving a reply which sounds forthcoming. Have not the as if it was inspired if not Like his predecessors he is. scrupulously correct. From a position of benevolent detachment he follows their lead in declining to take a hand, confining the policy content of any remarks he makes to matters which are explicitly. agreed between the British and the Irish governments, expressing American interest in the economic regeneration

that nothing useful can be done about Northern Ireland except by the two govern-ments in Dublin and London of the region, and discourage acting severally or jointly, ing American citizens from said at his luncheon at the contributing to funds des. White House, "There is much tined to reach the Provisional to be done. And the first IRA. During this presidency thing is that Britain be also the FBI is proceeding encouraged to seek more with evident success against positively and persuade more actively a change in attitudes and outlooks which would When Mr Haughey, newly pave the way for unity and so

President's roots been dug up actually scripted by Dr Garret in Ballyporeen? But the Re- FitzGerald. A solution could publican thief executive is only be found, the President more developed in Mr Reagan than the Tipperary man. said, through "a process of reconciliation between the Mr Haughey, whose line is two traditions in Northern Ireland and between Britain and Ireland". He laid emphasis on continuing reduction in the level of violence as a condition for reconciliation. He repeated that it is the parties themselves that must compose their differences and it is not for the United States to lay down the lines on which they should do it. No mention of unification. Quite a good St Patrick's day for St George.

SOMEONE WHO STILL LOVES RUSSIANS

Anyone looking at the world relationship has gone up and be condemned outright; even through the Kremlin windows down. In the sixties, when in some small ways to be must feel that Russia is a very China broke with the Rus- excused; but the offence was friendless country, unloved if not disliked almost everyassault on the Indian army where; certainly more friendover the border, there were less than any other of the good reasons for mutual world's larger countries. Barely a handful of African and Middle Eastern leaders. propping up. Mr Brezhnev saw in India the cornerstone of a collective security system would fill the list of those. for Asia which would contain who come to Moscow with China. Then the relationship sagged as India began to resent Russian naval strength unfeigned enthusiasm. This is the context in which Russia loves India: its non-aligment in the Indian Ocean. But is not cool and detached but when East Pakistan burst into crisis and India feared a war with Pakistan, Mrs Gandhi was ready to sign a friendship ready to see where and how the Russians are wronged by their enemies. Whatever emerges from Marshal Ustitreaty in Moscow.

With Pakistan's defeat and nov's visit, with his formidable retinue of thirty generals, it will confirm, as did Mr Brezhnev's three visits to New Delhi in the past decade to Peking aroused Russian

Bangladesh a friend to India, Russia was less necessary. Then President Nixon's visit that the Russians feel anxieties, so Mr Brezhnev's better after a draught of stay in Delhi in 1973 was built indian friendship.

Genuine warmth first en- opinion. Through the period tered the relationship when of Mrs Gandhi's emergency, Mr Nehru was affronted by her electoral defeat, a less warm Mr Desai and then Mrs Gandhi's return to power in mediator, insisting that in 1980, the visits were kept up many ways the Russians were more from the Russian side not the threat they seemed in than from the Indian. In the Washington. Ever since, the last two years however, rooted tendency in the Nehru Afghanistan has brought dis-

sians and launched a punitive too undeniable for the leader of the world's non-aligned movement to do anything but distance herself in disap-proval. Having failed to win the Indians then, the Russians may now look to India as the best mediator when opportunity offers.

It has been suggested that one motive of Marshal Ustinov's visit is to deflect some Indian military purchasing from Europe to Russia; or that he is anxious to assure the Indians that any forthcoming changes in the Soviet leadership will not lessen Moscow's attachment. For an India somewhat isolated by Islamic togetherness and cut off from East Asia by a very different outlook, Russian friendship fills a gap, too, since the only alternative would be a warm embrace from an American president landing in Delhi, and that has never seemed very likely. Hence India and Russia will stay fairly close. There are benefits in the relationship for both, and no cause for other countries to be disturbed. India's relations with

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH MONROE, As from :Trinity College, Cambridge.

From Dr Robert McGeehan Sir, The recent French suggestion for a stronger European role in Western security matters (leading article, March 16) is but the latest in a succession of Paris-inspired flirtations with the be unlikely to prevail in any nonnuclear European war.

Pace Mr Reagan, the Russians
are quite unlikely to take the
initiative in using or even
threatening nuclear weapons.

What would they gain from a
devastated Europe? What risks of
nuclear retailation in Russia
itself would they gain? But the same seductive temptation (one recalls the 1950 Pleven Plan, the 1952 European Defence Community agreement, the Fouchet Plans of the early 1960s and, most analogous, the 1973 sugges-tions of Monsieur Michel Johert who urged use of Western European Union as the vehicle for an enhanced political-military

role for an independent Europe).
Without pausing on the debatable validity of "Europe" as a collective ideal, or disagreeing with your conclusion that the dramatic improvement of European convening forces could pean conventional forces could be desirable both to redress the East-West military imbalance and to reduce excessive dependence on the United States, it seems obvious that such an enormously expensive undertaking in a time of recession could not be the product of logic or common

sense alone For Europe to break out of its docile lethargy in the security sector via the creation of military capabilities powerful enough to make her a credible political force, either the Russians would force, either the russians in the have to be perceived as a much more threatening adversary, or Furonean frustration with the European frustration with the United States would have to be so

intense as to be anti-American. Recent evidence does not suggest that Moscow's antics are as ominously seen in Bonn, Paris or perhaps even London as in Washington, and there is virtually no European equivalent to the Reagan Administration's emotional preoccupation with the

global Soviet menace.
Yet the other catalytic agent which might propel Europe towards more independence is filled with dangers more disturb-ing than recent Russian behaviour. European frustrations, if acted upon, could all too easily produce American disillusion-ment, and the withdrawal of American forces or a further shredding of the already-tattered nuclear umbrella.

I share the belief that if "Europe" is ever created it will be in partial opposition to, not alliance with, the United States. For precisely this reason sensitive Europeans no less than sensible Americans should adamantiy oppose any move towards action stations against the wrong adversary.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT McGEEHAN. chool of International Relations. Iniversity of Southern California, United Kingdom Program, St James's Square, SW1. March 16.

From Lord Gladwyn Sir, All the chances are that Trident will be cancelled in what is probably less than two years' time when we shall no doubt settle for something much less expensive, if indeed we feel — on the assumption that the USA is still with us - that we want a

nuclear "deterrent" at all. There remains, however, the vital necessity for retaining a "cred-ible" European defensive system, i.e. a system which would make it clear that the Soviet Union would be unlikely to prevail in any non-

Strengthening European element in Western defence

itself would they run? But the West, having now lost what the experts call "escalatory control", cannot make first use of a nuclear weapon either. That is why the doctrine of "flexible response" is becoming more and more impracticable and out-of-date. So we must at all costs be able - and be seen to be able able — and be seen to be able —
to prevent the Russians from
arriving on the Weser within a
couple of days, or the Rhine
within a week.
Can this be done? Of course it
can. The first thing is for the
European Ministers of Defence —

or such of them as are prepared to do so — to meet regularly in some place, no matter where, to supervise and direct the efforts of officials to produce in common and en masse the necessary anti-tank and anti-aircraft wea-pons and devices of the latest type: to organise the hardening of airfields and the dispersal of dumps: to plan an extension of anti-submarine defences; and (above all, perhaps) to get busy with the formation of Home Guards to protect our cities and

Guards to protect our cities and installations, more especially in Germany and the UK, against airborne assaults.

I repeat, it really doesn't matter where or under what auspices such ministerial activity takes place. It could (preferably) be within the general framework of the European Council, as be within the general framework of the European Council, as suggested in the Colombo-Genscher plan. It could be in a revised Western European Union (which, however, really ought to be merged with the EEC and the European Parliament). It should certainly make use of the so-called "Independent European Programme Group" in Rome (which ought to take over from the Eurogroup in Brussels). In any event it must include the French.

For over ten years now intelligent voices have been heard in Strasbourg, and Brussels advocating some such action as this. With your powerful support, perhaps they will at length prevail. Yours truly, GLADWYN,

From Sir Bernard Burrows

House of Lords. March 16.

Sir, There is much to agree with in your leader on European defence (March 16), especially the objective of improving the European conventional defence effort. This could only be done without unacceptable increase of cost if the Europeans were prepared to agree to more pooling and harmonization of armed forces and their equip-

As regards the institutional framework, you overlook some of the problems of reviving Western European Union, and you fail to mention another, perhaps more promising, recent initiative. The Assembly of Western European Union has some interesting debates on European defence matters, but it is not a directly elected body and, more important, nobody seems to pay much

attention to what it says. The inter-governmental element of WEU has been almost totally inactive. The main part of its defence responsibilities and organisation were long ago transferred to Nato, and an entirely new structure would have to be created if it were to strempt to resume this activity.
Secondly, the WEU treaty contains a more stringent commitment to mutual military support than does the Nato treaty. It is unrealistic to suppose that Denmark and Greece would be willing to undertake such a new IMBUL:

You do not mention the Genscher-Colombo proposals for a new European Act which would, among other things, authorize the existing European Council (the heads of government of the countries of the European Community) to extend the scope of political cooperation with two objects: to take common action in the field of foreign policy so that Europe's role in the world can be more commensurate with its economic and political importance; and to concert on questions of security policy in order to safeguard European independence and protect vital European

interests.

This plan had the advantage of building on what is there, namely the European Council and existing machinery of political cooperation for the harmonization of foreign policy, which already deals with certain security questions, such as the preparation of European views for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. It is a logical extension to add defence policy to foreign policy. The two are essentially inseparable. ation for the harmonization of

If on the contrary we had defence policy being dealt with in WEU and foreign policy in the Community there would be ample opportunity for confusion. Another advantage of the Genscher-Colombo plan is that the activities conducted under it would be subject to the scrutiny of the directiv elected European of the directly elected European

of the directly elected European Parliament.

There will always be anomalies of membership, whatever body is chosen. The advantage of the European Council and the political cooperation machinery is that they are formally outside the provisions of the Treaty of Rome and so are capable of flexible operation. If Ireland did not wish to participate in a discussion or to participate in a discussion or activity under these structures it so, without causing an insti-tutional crisis.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD BURROWS, Petersfield, Hampshire. March 16.

Violence in Namibia

From Sir Trevor Lloyd-Hughes Sir, The Bishop of Manchester no doubt preaches well. He should confine himself to the pulpit and leave politics — especially in Namibia — to those who have more than a passing knowledge of that complex country.

In his letter of March 10, he

mentioned the recent visit to Namibia by four members of the British Council of Churches and their "impression of the wide-spread popular backing for SWAPO".

I have just returned from an intensive 10-day investigative visit

intensive 10-day investigative visit to Namibia, and my findings do not coincide with those of Stanley Booth-Clibborn.

He mentions Peter Kalangula; who is my friend and has been my guest in London. Peter certainly has not, as the Bishop of Manchester claims, taken his party with him on resigning from the ruling Democratic Turnhalle. the ruling Democratic Turnhalle

Alliance (DTA). Several influential leaders from Mr Kalangula's Owambo region have strongly condemned his walk-out. They include Mr Tara Imbili, Owambo member of the Council of Ministers, and Pastor Cornelius Ndjoba, a previous president of the DTA and a wellrespected, traditional Owambo leader. Strong local support for the DTA.— and against Peter Kalangula— has also been

expressed. Truth is being murdered in Namibia — so are ordinary, innocent people — with the naive consivance of the Church, who are not experts in sifting truth from propaganda.

During my stay in Namibia last week, five SWAPO gunmen lined up 11 innocent civilians against a wall at a krall in Oshikutu in the north of the country. The execution squad — using Russian machine guns — killed eight and wounded two people. One escaped

These terrorists stole 300 rand in cash and several portable radios before opening fire. How can such behaviour fail to be condemned, loudly and clear-

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March 16.

ly, by church leaders? SWAPO are free to partake in the normal political and democratic processes inside Namibia - provided they eschew violence. Why do not the churches encourage them to join in peaceful debate? No one should need guns, mines and murder to convince others that they have a judges let alone the facts prevalid political argument. sented by them. Yours sincerely,

Sea bed rights

From Mr Michael Ivens Sir, The United States is not beyond reproach in its record

over the prolonged negotiations on deep sea bed mining at the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea - but not for the reasons that are stated by Dr Buzan and his University of Warwick colleagues (March 17). The Carter administration, unlike some other western nations, failed to see the grave dangers of the proposals that were being put forward at the Law of the Sea Conference. These would entail setting up a giant quango under the International Sea Bed Auth-ority which would have absolute and exclusive control over the resources of the sea bed of the

deep oceans.
The terms on which mining contracts would be granted would force the industrialist to give away his secrets to competitors and to train competitors in the use of them against him. The construction and voting arrange-ments for the Assembly and Council would be biased against the industrial nations; voting for the 36 members of the Council is quite deliberately preconditioned in favour of the Eastern (Socialist) European Region and the

developing countries. Fortunately the Reagan administration has woken up to the extreme dangers of the draft convention. The United States recognizes that there is a need for a convention, as does Britain. We should certainly support the United States in rejecting the United States in rejecting the undesirable features that I have mentioned.

It would be against the interests of the developing nations for the United States to go it alone. That is why it is important that the Law of the Sea Conference should produce agreed proposals that encourage rather than deter the development of deep sea bed mineral resources and avoid creating a monopoly of these resources by the so-called Enterprise.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL IVENS, Director, Aims of Industry, 40 Doughty Street, WC1. March 18.

Islamic courts

From Mr Hushang Mehr-Ayin Sir, Viewing with great concern the fact that the accused as-sassins of President Sadat were tried "in complete secrecy and denied the opportunity to defend themselves fully and freely in accordance with the rules of the law and dictates of justice," Mr Ahmed Ben Bella, the well known Algerian revolutionary leader, appeals to President Muburak of Egypt to revoke the findings of the court and order fresh trials in an open civil court (The Times,

I do not intend to confirm or otherwise challenge Mr Ben Belia's views on the conduct of the Cairo trials. However, since Mr Ben Bella makes his allegations in his capacity as the chairman of the International Islamic Commission for Human Rights, I cannot help wondering why his commission has not made any public statements on the conduct of the so-called Islamic courts in Iran in which the unfortunate accused are tried not only in complete secrecy but are denied access to defence lawyers and even the opportunity to challenge the views of the

In the Islamic revolutionary courts of Iran the judges will hear only those witnesses who come forward to speak against the accused and the evidence presented as fact is often the opinion of the judges or wit-nesses. And all this is done in the name of Islamic justice which, incidentally, does not accept jurisdiction of civil courts. As an exponent of Islamic values Mr Ben Bella might do well by making public his views on the Ayatollah's faith in the dictates

of justice. Yours faithfully, H. MEHR-AYIN, 149 Moat House Drive, Crewe. Cheshire.

Gas price rises

From Mr T. D. Kelly Sir, If gas consumers are to be no Strikingly familiar better served than it appears to be within the wit of their present chairman to serve them, then surely a satisfying if irrelevant economy could be effected by

sacking her.

Domestic gas prices have risen in the West Midlands Gas Board area by 28 per cent in the last year and by 68 per cent in the last two years. To excuse lack of opposition to this as sacrificing long-term stability to short-term popularity is bordering on what might reasonably be described as woeful illogicality.

T D KELLY

Castle Lane,

Castle Lane House.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, March 17.

Unhappiness of the clergy

From the Bishop of Oxford

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Sir, Since your correspondent
was kind enough to mention my
part in the debate in the General
Synod on this subject ("Unhappy
in their unhappiness", February
22) perhaps you will permit me to
say that in my experience of two
dioceses there are many clergy of
the Church of England who are
for from unhappy.

far from unhappy.
Under pressures of many kind, yes - but they have a strong grasp of their calling, they enjoy great support and friendship from their congregations, and they recognize that the freedom, diversity, and human contact of their job afford them a rare privilege in the contemporary world, which is some compen-sation for the thinness of its financial rewards. It seems to me a slur on the clergy and their wives to imply that the majority of them are full of complaints,

of them are full of complaints, spoken or unspoken.

Where the unhappiness exists, however, it is altogether too facile (and unfair) to blame it upon unsuitable training in theological colleges. Is there not a deeper cause, and does it not lie in the tension between the Christian Gospel and the mental climate of our society?

climate of our society?

According to the latter, there is nothing worse that can happen to a person than that he should suffer in some way. If he suffers, his rights are somehow being infringed, and very likely there is some "authority" to be blamed: the Government, church leaders, the Synod, and so forth.

The Gospel speaks in quite different terms — terms difficult and uncongenial for modern British people to hear — about suffering and its part in the redemption of the world. It is no wonder that those whose calling is to proclaim the Cross, but who remain citizens of the contemporary world, find themselves caught in a painful the of-war. "To the in a painful tug-of-war. "To the Greeks foolishness" — yes, and never more than today. Yours faithfully, PATRICK OXON:

Bishop's House, 27 Linton Road, Oxford. March 2.

The Pope's visit

From Mr S. E. MacKenzie Sir, It strikes me as unfortunate that, in the run-up to Pope John Paul's visit, Clifford Longley should choose to labour differences of a sort that are inevitable in the present divided state of Christianty: as when (March 8) he deplores the power enjoyed by successive Popes as being alleg-edly "absolute".

True, for the orthodex Roman Catholic, that power is considerable. As Vatican II has put it in one place (Lumen gentium, 22), "In virtue of his office as Vicar of Christ and Pastor of the whole Church, the Roman Pontiff possesses full, supreme, univer-sal power over the Church, and

he is always able to exercise it without impediment.' Even so he is unable to alter the constitution of the Church, and his power of definition is limited by a multirude of previous definitions due to his prede-cessors, to the councils and to the ordinary exercise of the Church's magisterium through the pastors united to the Holy See. He is by no means the "absolute monarch" Mr Longley

frightens us with.

More to our joint purpose, I believe, is to follow the inspiring lead given by Dr Runcie in placing the ecumenical importance of the visit on the beliefs and sentiments that unite us. leaving the differences to recede in due time. Surely the salient point about the forthcoming gettogether is that there has never

been anything like it before. Yours, etc. S. E. MACKENZIE. Trefusis, Cavendish Road,

Iran's heritage

From Mr Parviz C. Radji Sir, The unique and priceless works of art that comprise the crown jewels of Iran (your article of March 9) are not the property of the ayatollahs to do with as they wish. They form, and will always remain, part of the national heritage of the Persian people, a fact that no legislation, Islamic or otherwise, can in any

way alter.
Those who wish to participate in what is tantamount to a pillage of Iran's historic patrimony should bear in mind that in the eyes of Iran's post-Khomeini government — and there will be one sooner than many suppose -they would knowingly have dealt in stolen property. Yours faithfully, PARVIZ C. RADJI,

March 10.

20 Holland Park Road, W14.

From Mr Arthur Jackson Sir, I was interested in your Foreign Staff's report (March 17) on the most welcome visit to Britain of Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman, when, quoting the Civil Aviation Authority, its spokes-man said, "Lightning strikes are not all that infrequent . . . "

The spokesman was referring to a meteorological phenomenon but, on my many trips abroad, I have frequently observed the other variety at Heathrow's terminals 1, 2 and 3. Yours very truly, ARTHUR JACKSON, 5 Greenslade Road, Walsali. West Midlands.



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March 18: The Sultan of Ontan
visited Bovington Camp, Dorset
this morning and was received
upon arrival by Her Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant for the County
of Dorset (Colonel Sir Joseph
Weld) and the Commander, Royal
Armoured Corps Centre (Brigadier Simon Cooper). His Majesty
was later entertained at luncheon
by the Commander, Royal
Armoured Corps Centre in the
Officers' Mess of the Royal
Armoured Corps Gunnery
School, Lulworth.

The Sultan of Oman Travelled
in an aircraft of The Queen's
Flight.

Flight.
His Excellency Archbishop
Bruno Bernard Heim was received in audience by The Queen
and presented his Letters of
Credence as Apostolic Pro-Nuncio from the Holy See to the
Court of St. James's

Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Member of the Nunciature, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty:

Monsignor Mario Oliveri (Councellor)

cellor).
Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign And Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present, and the Gentleman of the Household in Waiting were in

artendance.

Mr A C D S MacRae was received in audience by The KENSINGTON PALACE Queen and kissed hands upon his March 18. The D appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Ndjamena.

Street, London, EC1.

Having been received upon arrival by the Mayor of Islington (Councillor Edna Browning) and the Chairman of the St Luke's Parochial Trust (Councilor Christie Payne), Her Majesty toured the Centre, unveiled a commemorative plaque and afterwards attended a Concert given by the students of the Arts Educational School.

Lady Susan Hussey. Mr Robert

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Prince's Trust, will attend a Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Philips and Captain Mark Philips, were entertained at a Banquet this evening by The Sultan of Oman at Claridge's.

The Duchess of Grafton and Sir William Heseltine were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Gloucestershire, today at 2.30.

Memorial fund appeal

An appeal is being launched to fund a memorial to the late Sir Norman Stronge, the former Speaker of the Northern Ireland parliament murdered by the Provisional IRA last January, to be placed in the parliament buildings at Stormont.

buildings at Stormont.

The fund is being organized by Sir John Biggs-Davison, Conservative MP for Epping Forest, Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Ulster Unionists, Sir Nigel Fisher, Conservative MP for Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton, Lord Moyola, a former Prime Minister of Northern Ireland Departures Should be sent Ireland. Donations should be sent to Lord Moyola, Moyola Park, Castledawson, Magherafelt, co.

Fellowship of

The Duke of Edinburgh, senior fellow, was in the chair at the annual general meeting of the Fellowship of Engineering held at St Jame's Palace on March 18. Viscount Caldecote, president, reported upon the activities of the fellowship during the past year. Other business conducted included the adoption of the accounts, and the election of new fellows and officers and members of the council for the ensuing year.

Captain-General of the Royal Marines, this morning at Buckingham Palace received Major-General J C Hardy upon assuming the appointment of Chief of Staff Royal Marines.

His Royal Highness then received Major-General M C L Wilkins upon his relinquishing the appointment of Chief of Staff Royal Marines and upon his appointment as Major-General Royal Marines Commando Forces, and Major-General J J Moore upon relinquishing his appointment as Major-General J J Royal Marines Commando Forces.

The Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh chaired the selection panel for The Duke of Edinburgh's Design-

The Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize at the Design Centre, Haymarket.
His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, this afternoon chaired the Fellowship's Annual General Meeting at St James's Palace.

Charred the Pellowship's Annual General Meeting at St James's Palace.

Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Colonel Gerard Leigh at the Funeral of Major General Claude Pert which was held at the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park today.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Watt.

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March 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was entertained at a Banquet this evening by The Sultan of Oman at Claridge's.

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Mr R. N. ff. Sorrell and Miss A. G. Smith The engagement is announced between Robin younger son of Mr and Mrs A. D. M. Sorrell, of Clunes House. Toot Hill, Essex. and Andrea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Q. Smith, of The Corners, 23, Finch Lane, Bushey, Hertfordshire.

March 18: The Duke of Gloucester, President, The Royal Agricultural Society of England, this morning presented the National Pig Awards at the Butchers' Hall, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Rland was in attendance. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Ndjamena.

Mrs MacRae had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Sayed Amir El-Sawi ward received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentary from the Democratic Republic of Sudan to the Court of St James's.

The Queen this afternoon opened St Lukes's Leisure Centre for Pensioners at 90, Central Street, London, EC1.

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The Prince of Wales, president of the Mary Rose Trust, will dive on the site of the Mary Rose and subsequently attend a reception at the Guildhall, Portsmouth, on April 28.

students of the Arts Educational School.

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in April 30.

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House).
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Music Exhibitions have been awarded to:
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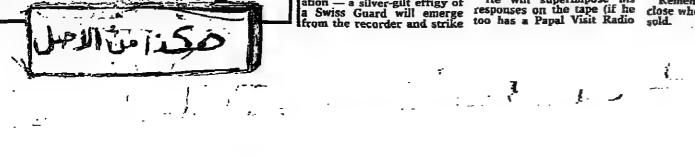
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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Dyer and Miss J. Larcom and MISS J. Larcom

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Dyer, of Clare House, Grear Braxted, Essex, and Julia, daughter of Sir Christopher and Lady Larcom, of Butlers, Hatfield Peverel, Essex.

Mr T. C. Osborn-Jones and Miss A. Gordon-Duff-Pen-The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the Rev A. and Mrs Osborn-Jones, 24 Amsworth Avenue, Ovingdean, Brighton, and Anthea, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. T. Gordon-Duff-Pennington, Kirkland, Tynron, Dumfriesshire.

Mr R. A. Otter
and Fraulein A. Vollmer
The engagement is announced
between Robert Anthony, elder
son of Mr and Mrs Robin Otter,
of The Grange, Kemerton,
Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire,
and Antoinette elder daughter of
Herr Karl-Heinz Vollmer, of
Monneseeufer, 1A Volling,
hausen, W. Germany, and Frau
Agnes Vollmer, of Uhlandweg 6,
4772 Bad Sassendorf, W.
Germany.

Mr W. H. T. Vauderburgh and Miss K. S. E. Woollcombe The engagement is announced between William, son of Mrs C. Vanderburgh, of Mount Brydges, and Mr T. Vanderburgh, of Delaware, Ontario, Canada, and katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rupert Woollcombe, of Berryfield, Much Hadham, Hert-fordshire.

Marriage

Mr J. Rowlands and Miss L. J. Lowe The marriage took place in London on February 5 between Mr John Kendall Rowlands and Miss Lorna Jane Lowe.

Luncheons

Democratic Party of Japan.

The Launderers' Company held a court luncheon yesterday at Glaziers' Hall in connexion with

Society of Company and Com-mercial Accountants Sir Donald MacDougall, Chief

Economic Adviser to the Confederation of British Industry, was the guest speaker at a luncheon

given at the Dyers' Hall, Dowgate Hill, London EC4 yesterday by Mr D E Evans, President of the Society of Company and Com-mercial Accountants. Among

mercial Accountants. Among those present were:
Mr FJ Bergin, Mr TS T Cookson, Mr G C Smith, members of council; Mr J H Tresman, executive director, and Mrs J G Stade, education secretary; Mr J L Barrons, Mr N Bredrich, Mr P J Coen, Mr, J P, Domgster, Mr J M Genst, Mr J M Genst, Mr J

Sultan of Onan
The Queen and the Duke of
Edinburgh were the guests of
honour at a dinner given by the
Sultan of Oman at Claridge's
hotel last night. Princess Anne
and Captain Mark Phillips,
Princess Margaret Countess of
Snowdon, the Duke and Duchess
of Gloucester and the Duke and
Duchess of Kent attended. Others
present included:
Lord Hallsham of Si Marylebone. CH.
the Prime Minister and Mr. Denis
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Oration, Lord and Lady Maccean Lord
and Lady Cerrington. Baroness
Phillips, the Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress of London, the Lord Mayor
and Lady Mayoress of Westminster. Sir
Harold Wilson, MP, and Lady Wilson.
Mr. James Gallaghan. MP and Mrs

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Dinners

Launderers' Company

High sheriffs

HM Government
Mr John Biffen, Secretary of
State for Trade, was host at a
luncheon held yesterday at
Lancaster House in honour of Mr
Masumi Esaki, special envoy of
the President of the Liberal The following have been appointed high speriffs for 1982: pointed high speriffs for 1982;
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Marbey, Ely: Cheshire, R J Posnel;
Tirraford, Tarparley; Cleveland: C E
Shopland, Marion, Middleshrough;
Cumbria: W J M Chaplin, Ulversion;
Dorbyshire: G Meynell, Kirk Langley,
Derby; Devon: R M Huxtable,
Barnstaple. Glaziers' Hall in connexion with the founding of Launderers' Hall. The Master, Mr E. Stanley Hale, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr R. L. Seaman, Mr S. Laurie-Walker and Mr W. J. Marle. Sir Keuneth Cork also spoke. The guests included Sir Kingsley Collett, Sir Hugh Wontner, Alderman David Rowe-Ham and the Very Rev Harold E. Frankham.

Derby: Devon: R M Huxtable, Barnstaple.

Dorset: D S Scott, Bouremouth: Durham: G C Bartram, Heighington Village, Newton Aycilife; East Sustex: Hon. Oliver Si, Aubyn, Barcombe, near Lewes, Essex: Colonel R B Gosling, Margarelting: Gloucester-shire: R J G Berkeloy, Greater London: S Birch, Regent & Park, London: Hampshire: Capitain P A Bence-Trower. West Meon. near Peterafield: Hereford and Worcester: Louienant-Commander J H Finon Commander of the Proceedings of the Colonial Commander of the Colonial J C R Trevelyan, Morpoth.

North Yorkshire: Sir William M J
Worsley, Bi. York: Nottlephamahire: R
Bruckenbury, Holme Pietpeni:
Oxfordshire: W Smith, Hinton
Waldrist, Faringdon; Shropshire: J C
Yeoward, Clun; Somerket: P G H
Speke. Iminister; South Yorkshire:
Licut-Colonel D J K German, Stafford:
Suffnik: R H Paul. Woodbridge;
Surrey: J P M H Evelyn, Abinger
Common, near Dorking: Tyne and

Savoy Hotel

The Savoy Hotel, of London, announce a two-week season of cabaret on the restaurant's rising floor. From Monday, May 10, 1982 to Saturday, May 22, Miss Anita Harris and her musicians will entertain at 11.30 pm. There will be dancing to two bands from 9.00 pm and a special dinner will be served. Reservations can be made at the Savoy Hotel from Mr Antonio, restaurant manager, or by telephoning 01-836 4343 extention 2302.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

The following awards are announced:

King's scholarships: Paul J W Ciuley, ROS and Watcherts Middle School, Timothy Norman, Papplewick Schoolships: Andrew T Griffiths. Cardinare, A Fracer Jarvis, ROS and Cartalel, Mander School, Gareth A Rogers, Eastwick Middle School.

Muste Scholarship: James D Arbuckle.

Lanesburghibition: Edward G B Hayler.

Woodcule House. The following awards are an-

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The following have been electer fellows of the Royal Society: Dr U W Arndt; Professor R J Baxie Professor M V Berry; Professor J

The Royal Society

Archbishop Bruno Heim, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio after visiting Buckingham Palace

yesterday to present his credentials to the Queen. He is the Pope's first

representative in London with full ambassadorial status.

Pattenmakers' Company

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

The President of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Mr E. Cobb, and members of the institute's council, were hosts at a dinner held last night at Vintners' Hall. Guests included representatives of the Civil Service, nationalized industries of the ruphlic methods.

industries, other public auth-orities and professional, banking and financial organizations.

Mr Harry Cowley, president of the County Planning Officers' Society, presided at the annual dinner held yesterday at the Law Society's hall. The principal-speakers were Viscount Ridley, President of the Association of County Councils, Sir John Boynton; and Mr Georga McDonic, County Planning Officer of Wiltshire.

County Planning Officers' Society

Latest appointments include:
Major Victor Le Fanu to be
Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of
Commons in the place of
Lieutenaut-Colonel Sir Peter
Thorne, who retires on August 20
Mr Alan Grey to be Ambassador
to Gabon in succession to Mr

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Memorial service Sir Eric Eastwood

Callaghan, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Sir Philip and Lady Moore, Mr Julian Amery, MP, and Mrs Amery, Sir Douglas-Hon and Lady Robension, Sir Geoffrey Arlane, Sir Donald and Lady Hawley, Sir Tom Hekinbocham, Sir Richard and Lady Beaumont, Sir Richard and Lady Beaumont, Sir Richard and Lady Beaumont, Sir Richard and Lady Mence, Sir Michael and Lady Palliser, Lieutenant-Colonel George West, Mr and Mrs Roper du Boulay, Mr and Mrs F C Circn, Brigadier and Mrs P Thwastes, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs F C L Chauncy, Mr and Mrs Christopher Reeves, Mr and Mrs Peter Mason, Mr and Mrs John Moberly and Mr and Mrs David Miers. A memorial service for Sir Eric Eastwood was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy yesterday. Canon Edwyn Young officiated. Sir Francis Tombs, president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, read the lesson and Dr F. E. Jones gave an address. Among those present were:

Manchester and District Medico-Legal Society
The Manchester and District
Medico-Legal Society held its
annual dianer at Manchester
University yesterday. Mr David
Gandy presided, accompanied by
Mrs Gandy and the other
speakers were Mrs Justice
Heilbron and Dr Sydney Levine.

Birthdays today



Sir Peter Masefield, chairman of the London Transport Executive, who is 68.

The Rev Sir Herbert Andrew, 72; Lord Baker, 31; Lady Georgina Coleridge,66; Lord Glenkinglas, 69; The Right Rev A R Gordon, 55; Mr B Hildrew, 52; Miss Elizabeth Maconchy, 75; Mr Philip Mason, 76; General Sir Hubert Reay, 57; Mr Kenneth Robiuson, 71; Sir Leonard Scopes, 70; Mr Norman Yardley, 67.

Sandhurst commissions

Princess Anne was the inspecting officer at the Final Parade of the 19th Direct Entry Graduate Course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on March 12:

The following student officers have successfully completed the course and their commissions have been confirmed in the Regiment of Corps shown:

G B Alhott, COLOM GDS: P H G
Alon-Jones, WFR: P B Ayo, RAEC: P
F Baillie, RMP: J R Bashford, RA: J A
S Bernard, RHG/D: R J Brysshaw,
RRW: A J Bruce, REME: M P
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Biscell, RRF: M G Hoskins, R

OBITUARY MR CHARLES FIFE

Former Controller of Lands and Claims

Charles Morrison Fife was
the son of Alexander John
Fife and Margaret Anne
Morrison. He was educated
at King Edward's High
School, Birmingham, and
Christ's College, Cambridge,
where he had a distinguished
career, being Senior Scholar
in 1922; John Stewart of
Rannoch (University) Scholar in 1923 and Browne
(University) Scholar in 1925.
He took Firsts in both parts
of the Classical Tripos,
graduating in 1925 and took a
Second Class in the Economics Tripos in the following Charles Morrison Fife was omics Tripos in the following

In 1926 he entered the Civil Service in the War Office and from 1934 to 1935 was Private Secretary to Sir Reginald Times. Paterson, then Deputy Under- Fife

Mr Charles Fife, CB, a Lands and Claims, in which former Assistant Under-Secpost he was concerned with a
retary of State at the War
Office and Controller of abroad, as well as with
Lands and Claims, died on
March 14 at the age of 78.

Army and other government Army and other government departments. In 1948 he became Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the War Office, retiring in 1964, the year in which the three separate offices were com-bined in the Ministry of Defence. He bad been Defence. He had been appointed CB in 1950.

Fife was a JP for the County of London from 1960 to 1965 and was Conservator

of Wimbledon Common from 1960 to 1968. A keen historian he continued his studies in this field after his retirement and could still be moved to write

in protest at official iniquities. For many years he was a valued contributor to

Lewes Association for half

his life, he scorned party dogma. Tradition and fresh

dogma. 1 radius and 1 result ideas blended to give him rapport with people of all ages. The greatly respected "Father" of the Lords was

one of many Tory peers with

an open mind about electoral

reform. Experience convinced him, however, that positive ideas about Lords' reform would continue to "attract more antis than

pros" (Times letter, 1978). As for the European Comm-unity, he once summed up an

endless local discussion with "Heaven help us outside"! Rainald Gage was a shy

man whose seeming gruff-ness was more than offset by

the twinkle in his eye, his

puckish sense of humour and his kindness. He hid his abilities behind genuine modesty and diffidence. There could be no finer

memorial to a man of Sussex

than the Downs he loved,

the obituary columns of The Paterson, then Deputy UnderSecretary of State.

During the Second World
War he was Controller of Paterson, then Deputy Underlyn Mary Thicthener, who died in 1970. There were no children of the marriage.

VISCOUNT GAGE

Lord Chelwood writes: · Lord Gage was indeed man of rare qualities. For 20 years of his half century in

years of his half century in local government he was chairman of the county council's planning committee, and the largely unspoilt beauty of the Downs around Lewes owes much to his diplomatic skill and his refusal to be "druv". Proposed as the council chairman, it was laughingly

said that an ancestor's part in executing the Lewes Martyrs counted against him; to which he replied that the some forebear had petitioned Queen Elizabeth I to improve Seaford's sea defences. Such were, the family roots that were the family roots that helped him to contribute to Sussex in so many ways.
"since the year dot" as
someone said in Firle
Church, where no one could remember when he did not read the lessons.

A convinced Tory, chair- which have embraced his man or president of the family home for generations.

LORD BUTLER

Sir Leon Radzinowicz writes: Penal policy and crimi-nology are small fry in comparison with the big affairs of the world. But, as Sir Winston Churchill stated, when he was Home Secetary in a memorable and oftenquoted speech of 1910. The mood and temper of the public in regard to the treatment of crime and criminals is one of the most unfailing tests of the civiliza-

tion of any country".

This belief was also deeply felt by Lord Butier. Under his inspiration the Home Office drew up in 1959, a White Paper entitled Penal Practice in a Changing Society. Which laid down a firm

foundation for criminological research within the department as well as in the universities. It led to the establishment of the first chair of criminology in England and an Institute of Criminology. Criminology. That this should have happened in Cambridge, so close to his heart, gave him great pleasure. He continued to take a lively interest in the insti-tute's development. For many years he was chairman of the advisory council. Only re-cently he lent his illustrious name to an appeal launched for funds to preserve the internationally recognized reputation of the institute's library.

SIR OWEN WANSBROUGH-JONES

Wansbrough, the name by which Sir Owen Wansbrough-Jones was known to his friends, was not only a man of distinction, but of wisdom and infinite kindness. He became Tutor of Trinity Hall Cambridge while still in his twenties. This proved an inspired appointment, for he was outstanding in the exercise of that office. For him however the war put an end however the war put an end to college life and to his work in coloid science, but his interests and loyalties re-

His family home was in Norfolk, but after the war he lived in London where foryoung and old from the Army, Civil Service, industry and the City knew they could always turn to him for advice. They found his understanding, his modesty (sometimes concealed under (sometimes concealed under an assumed arrogance), his sense of homour and the

The Rt. Rev. W. L. S. aging, challenging and stabi-

He was basically a country-man at heart and loved a day's shooting. He caught from his mother, who lived to the age of 102, an enthusiasm for gardening. As a young man he was a good squash player and was proud to be elected President of the Jesters Club. A connoisseur of silver and of claret, he had a discriminating judgment in many fields. He sustained his lifelong interest in education through the Goldsmiths' Company and as a governor

of Gresham's School of Westminster School and of Westminster School and of Westminster School and he treasured his links with Trinity Hall of which he was an honorary fellow. Wansbrough will be greatly missed by many who owe so missed by many who owe so much to his friendship and generosity.

Mr Reginald Ratcliffe, CB, MBE, who died on March 4 at the age of 74, was Controller, Royal Ordnance Factories, 1959-64 and a former president of the Institution of clear principles which dent of the Instituti informed his council, encour- Production Engineers.

Athy's great mace is carried off for £17,050

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Great Mace of the Corporation of Athy created by John Williamson, the Dublin silversmith, in 1746 was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £17,050 (estimate £6,000 to £9,000). It is a large object (1870z all in), surmounted by an openwork crown above a head embossed and engraved with the arms of George II and chased with emblems, demi-female figures and the Seal of Athy.

There are some 100 great maces extant, mostly in the possession of the relevant corporations. After the abolition of the Corporation of the Seal of Athy in the possession of the relevant corporations. After the abolition of the Corporation of the tion of the Corporation of Athy in the mid-nineteenth century the mace was bought by the Duke of Leinster, whose ancestor had commissioned in corporations.

whose ancestor had commissioned its creation.

Among the other historic items in Sotheby's silver sale was a pair of tea caddies and a sugar box by the great rococo silversmith, Paul de Lamerie which were sold for £35,200 (estimate £20,000) to M. P. Levene. They are dated 1738

£12,000 to £18,000).

A new auction record price was achieved for a drawing by Fuseli when "Mrs Fuseli as a courtesan, seated, wearing an elaborate headdress" sold for £25,300. The unfinithed drawing, shows the artists lovely wife bare bosomed, above a flowing skirt. The price is good news for the unnamed owner who

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There was also a silver-gilt covered jug on claw feet by Paul Storr which bears the royal arms of George III and those of Thomas, seventh Earl of Elgin (of marbles fame), presumably a royal skirt. The price is good news for the unnamed owner who bought the drawing recently for £1 with a group of picture frames.

Two blue-grey waterco-lours by John Robert Cozens of "London from Greenwich Hill" and "The Lake of Nemi" went to the same purchaser at £13,200 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) and £14,300 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000). The sale was 16 per fame), presumably a royal

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Treasury

confirms

tax drop

By Melvyn Westiake

The Treasury yesterday confirmed the claims of Labour Shadow ministers

that the typical taxpayer on

average earnings would see no reduction in his tax burden in the coming year, and in some cases would face

A married man with two children, on average earn-ings, will see 45.2 per cent of

ings, will see 45.2 per cent of his pay go to meet income tax, national insurance contributions, indirect taxes like VAT and household rates.

This was disclosed by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury in the House, in reply to a question by Mr Jack Straw, Labour, Blackburn.

The typical married man

The typical married man would have been paying 45 per cent of his earnings in

taxes during the year just ending and 42.7 per cent in 1980-81.

Those earning less than average will, in many cases,

see little change in their tax burden this year, but the higher paid will enjoy some

In doing its sums, the Treasury has assumed that

earnings increase by about

7½ per cent during the coming 12 months, to reach £160 a week on average.

A married man, with two children, receiving only

three-quarters of average pay will pay 43.4 per cent in total taxes. This is almost exactly the same as paid in 1981-82.

A single person, on the same level of earnings will,

however, be paying more.
At the other end of the

spectrum, a married man receiving ten times average

earnings will see his personal tax burden drop from 52.4 to 52.1 per cent. This is not strictly comparable with

strictly comparable with those on average levels of pay because it excludes indirect taxes and household rates. Treasure

rates. Treasury economists find it much more difficult to

estimate how much the higher earners actually pay in excise duties, VAT and

In the case of higher earners, only income tax and national insurance is taken

into account.

There was a good deal of confusion immediately after the Budget about whether the Chancelor had actually adventised to the confusion and actually actuall

reduced the tax burden for

It is now clear that if all

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Board meetings interims: Gartons, Mills and Allen, Minerals and Resources, Waring and Giflow Finals: BL. Edinburgh Investment Trustr, Midland Bank, Montfort (Knitting Mills), George Oliver (Footwear).

Advancing in strength

CYCLICAL INDICATORS am 1975-100 -120

There was a strong rise last month in the Government's composite index of "longer leading" indicators, which

predict the ups and downs in the economy about a year

ahead. It is the fourth consecutive monthly rise. The

main reason for the February advance was the downturn in interest rates and the upturn in share prices. These

are components of the composite index of longer leading indicators. The separate, "coincident" index, which shows the stage of the business cycle currently reached,

Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands yesterday acted together to cut their key lending rates by half a percentage point. The Dutch moved first to lower bank rate to 8 per cent, followed immediately by the German Central Bank which cut its special Lombard rate from 10

to 9% per cent. Later the Swiss National Bank announced a cut in bank rate from 6 to 5.5 per cent.

British Shipbuilders yesterday became the third company to announce a major contract between British

industry and Oman, bringing the total value of deals during this week's State visit by the Sultan of Oman to almost £300m Brooke Marine the British Shipbuilders

subsidiary, is to build a £20m logistic support vessel for the Sultanate's navy. Earlier, Mr. Robert Atkinson, chairman emphasised to trade unions the need for continued improvement in productivity and perform-

Post computer

The Post Office is starting to computerize its counter ser-vices. Trial systems costing £400,000 are to be installed in

four post offices yet to be decided. Counter clerks will

record customer transactions

directly on computer ter-

Mr John Quinton, serio

general manager of Barclays, is to succeed Mr Stuart Graham of Midland Bank as

chairman of the chief execu-

tive officers' committee of the Committee of London

to 178p after brokers Hoare Govett amounced that they had acquired the remaining 4.9 percent of shares on behalf of iCt, unchanged at 342p. ICI now holds 1.8m shares or 14.9 percent of the equity and is confident

of a favourable outcome to the

Monopolies Commission's find-ings into the bid.

Meanwhile; Huntley & Palmer

rose 6p to 90p after agreeing terms of a counterbid from the

Clearing Banks.

MARKET SUMMARY

About-turn for equities

Trio cut lending rates

Third order from Oman

BSC backs the

Mr Ian MacGregor, the British Steel Corporation thairman, is trying to swing Parliamentary support behind a £3,800m Channel link project which BSC is involved in promoting with a consortium including British Shipbuilders called Euro Route Group. "It is time the present generation caried out the kind of major capital trhemes and investment which

schemes and investment which will benefit not just ourselves but our children and our grandchildren." Mr MacGregor said.

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT All Share 319.24 up 1.81

Equities completed a smart about

e and lower interest rates

aqueeze and lower interest rates on the Continent.
However, business was down to a trickle with more interest centred on Sever Buck's 8-1 victory in the Chettenham Gold

Cup — a regular highlight of the Stock Market's social calendar. ...

Nevertheless, dealers went some way to repair the damage of

the previous day's 11.0 fell stemming from Turner & Newall's

surprise loss and no dividend. The FT index having opened the day 1.0 higher closed 5.4 up at 556.8, but Turner tell a further 3p

556.8, but Turner tell a further 3p to 74p.
The decision by Stone Platt to suspend the shares at 12½p prior to calling in the teceiver came as no surprise following intense speculation over the past week. GKN's, return to the black, however, was greeted with a 3p rise to 162p, although, the chairman's cautious remarks went some way to stifling the celebrations.

A few cheap buyers were on

A few cheap buyers were on A tew cheap buyers were on tend to give the grit market a lift as the final applications for the Government index-linked stock arrived at the Bank of England.

Dealings are due to start next week at a tender price of between

Turnover in the rest of the market remainded on the low side with rises of up to £½ in longs while at the shorter end the improvement was limited to one of £½.

Arthur Holden closed 2p down

COMMODITIES

• After its precipitous plunge yesterday, May coffee put on 21 to £1,229 a tonne and March delivery gained £4 to £1,417.

There was widespread buying interest, but coffee closed below

the day's highs after commission house selling. Dealers were scaptical about the capacity of

the raily to sustain itself, and felt that the underlying trends are still

Descript.

O Cocoa spot contract closed £11 down at £1,096 a forme, with May cocoa falling £14 to £1,076. International Cocoa Organization

delegates meeting in London said that they are likely to agree this week to borrowing \$75m by

raising a 2 cent levy on members.

But it was pointed out in the market that this would purchase only another 36,000 tonnes, not

enough decisively to after the supply and demand balance. The indications are that a good Brazilian crop will help to create a

market overhang of up to 300,000 tonnes this year.

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FT Index 556.8 up 5.4 Gifts 68.30 up 0.29

Bargains 19,781

Euro Route

"longer leading" indicators, which

BUSINESS NEWS

after a week of intense discussion with the company's bankers, again involving the Bank. The final move to precipitate the collapse was immediately denounced by two of the company's insti-tutional shareholders— Equity Capital for Industry and M&G.

Midland is Stone-Platt's leading bank. Others involved are Barclays, and its merchant bank. National Western and Midland and tminster, and Williams and

Stone-Plate, the troubled to announce the sale of its textile machinery manufacturer collapsed yesterday only a year after the last rescue operation, organized by the Bank of England.

Lowell Textile Machinery nearly £40m. Bank of England co-ordinates talks among bankers. (PSL) to an American buyer. November 1980: Mr Lesile Pincott takes over as chairman. Pump by the Bank of England.

It was also about to exchange division sold for £11.5m.

Contracts for the sale and March 1981: Second rescue operation. £10m raised through share issue.

bankers.
These deals, it was hoped, stry would bring borrowings down to around £22m. With

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, GKN chairman, said that given the present level of demand it was not unreason-

May 1961: Sells fixed-pitch propeller business for £3 5m. October 1981: Chief executive Robin Taverner resigns.

to raise £51/m to £7m from a rights issue. But the banks wanted a reconstruction now.

Merch 1982: Receiver called in. prepared to offer indications after so much time and effort i do not blame the bands. I am just worried about the fact that the system cannot

and money over two years the banks should have run away, just when a final solution was in sight."

who had done a "superb" job and was successfully turning the company around.

While second half losses at Stone-Platt were running at the same rate as in the first April 1981: Third rescue package rejected by small shareholders. City institutions meet all costs of £10m injection. Losses of £15m for 1980 - around £7m - the insti-tution believed that it would be back in profit in 1983 and able to reduce its gearing to around 60 per cent of the equity. They were prepared to participate in a rights issue later this year, but not at this stage.

The institutions believed in the growth potential of the electrical side, which supplies air-conditioning, ventilation beating and lighting for subway systems. It has orders for New York, Hongkong, and the Middle East worth about 143m with about an equal volume of possible an equal volume of possible further orders. Other parts of Stone-Platt involved with textiles, are on course to increase business.

BAT likely

BAT Industries, the former British American Tobacco Company, was expected to increase the terms of its \$310m (£171.2m) offer for the

stock exchange earlier yes-terday.. after a hectic day's trading — the common stock was the fifth most active in the market — the shares closed last night up \$1.00 to equal the BAT offer price of \$25.50.

that the suspension was requested because the board of BATs, the holding company of BAT in the United States, which owns the Gimbel and the prestigious Saks stores as well as tobacco interests, was meet-ing to consider a possible revision of the offer terms, including price.

Experts here believed that

Steady rise in loans

By John Whitmore

sector continued to grow strongly last month. Figures

England vesterday showed that such lending grew by a seasonally adjusted £1,976m. in the four weeks to Februa-

This brings the rise in lending to the private sector to just over £12,750m in the past 12 months. Over the last

The latest figures may,

however, exaggerate the trend. The four weeks to

mid-February saw considerable pressures on corporate liquidity, not only to meet normal tax payments but also an estimated £500m-£750m of tax still owing as a result of last summer's civil service dispute

per annum.

dispute.

by the Bank of

to raise store bid From Nicholas Hirst New York, March 18

Chicago-based Marshall Field department store yesterday. Marshall Field, which has stores selling to middle-toupper-income group people in several states, had requested a suspension of its shares on the New York

The company announced

From Jonathan Davis, Vienna, March 18

Oil ministers from the that Opec's plan to maintain price levels by a concerted Exporting Countries gathered here today for an cuts was not certain to succeed. The plan, envisages mounting speculation that market forces will force them to cut oil prices against their wishes.

The first public comments from delegates underlined how aware they have become that the world oil glut is putting their ability to fix the price to its severest test for putting their ability to fix the price to its severest test for cut output levels.

They also acknowledged

The plan to maintain price levels by a concerted production production production production production programme of programme of programme of programme of the march: a brief pause for some of 200 placard-carrying scientists and technicians from the march: a brief pause for some of 200 placard-carrying scientists and technicians from the march: a brief pause for some of 200 placard-carrying scientists and technicians from the march: a brief pause for some of 200 placard-carrying scientists and technicians from the march: a brief pause for some of 200 placard-carrying scientists and technicians from the mi

taxes are taken together, there will not be a significant in the coming year.

This equivalent to 150 per cent of average pay which is probably as much as many skilled workers in industry can hope to get.

Tax evaders uncovered

most people.

Thirty-eight thousand tax-payers who received interest from bank deposit accounts or similar investments failed to declare this income to the Inland Revenue last year (Lorna Bourke writes). In addition, 53,335 either delibe-

As already intimated by the Bank last week, Sterling M3, the broad measure of banking money, was barely chan-ged on the month. This reduced the rate of growth over the last year to 14½ per

six months, lending has ged grown at an annual rate of reduc more than £18,500m, or over rather more than 30 per cent cent. British residents' holdings of foreign curency deposits in United Kingdom banks rose by £220m in the four weeks, the whole of the increase being attributable to valuation changes.
Tables, page 14.

rately or accidently under-paid tax amounting to £116.9m.

More than 22,000 of these

about the British taxpayer emerge from the latest annual report of the inland Revenue for the year ending

Results

Year to November

Total shareholders' funds Earnings per ordinary

30.8p +11.0%

Net Assets per ordinary share

206.8p +14.2%

Payment of a final dividend of 4.25p per share is being recommended on the ordinary share capital. With the interim dividend total payments are 8.0p per share (1980) 7.5p per share).

Extract from the Chairman's Review

recession. There is some relief in sight as oil prices begin to soften and as interest rates decline. Nevertheless, I do not foresee a general end to the worldwide recession until the end of 1983. It is against this background that I am happy to say that this year the Group should be able to record an increase in profits.

SALE TILNEY & COMPANY, p.l.c.

Leading shareholders criticize banks' decision to withdraw support

No new rescue as Stone-Platt fails

Glyn's.

Despite the effort of Stone-

But unrelieved overseas, taxation and £24.8m of clos-

Most of the rationalization £28.2m.

Closure costs leave

GKN with net loss

GKN, the car components divestments and possibly and engineering group; further plant closures this moved from a pretax loss of year.

El 2m in 1980 to a pretax of Sir Trevor Holdsworth, GKN chairman, said that

ure costs left it with a net able to expect results for the loss for the year of £37.5m, the current hald year to be group's reserves had been second half of last year, rationalization costs and Then the company had a province a cost of the second half of last year.

provisions amounting to trading surplus of more than almost £50m.

£60m and pretax profits of

contracts for the sale and leaseback of its Crawley factory and the sale of its Altringham factory for £4.5m. Borrowings are at about the full extent of the £34m facility allowed by its bankers.

the rest of the group breaking even, Stone-Platt would then have gone to its main shareholders in the autumn Platt's management to turn round the company, the banks and institutions could not reach agreement on a rescue package.

Ironically, the move came as Stone-Platt was just about where a reconstruction now.

Mr Leslie Pincott, Stone-which include Equity Capital for Industry.

At Equity Capital for Industry, which is owned by able to acceed to the compaleading City institutions, Mr my's plans, even though four Brian Dean said: "ECI is as Stone-Platt was just about leading shareholders were shocked and dismayed that

help an engineering company with technology and hard working people," he added. The main shareholders, which include Equity Capital

banks. He was also dismayed that they had not been

At M & G, Mr David Hopkinson said: "I an sad that with a company that would have been profitable and viale in 1983 the banks were not prepared to have patience." The sum involved was "chicken-feed" for the prepared to back Mr Pincott

Most of the rationalization 128.2m. took place in the Umited. In spite of the heavy Kingdom and last year there rationalization costs GKN has was a further reduction in the workforce of 14,400, net per share (at a cost of including 10,000 redundancies. The remaining 4,000 borrowings have been rejobs were those in companies duced. This reflected stringent control of working Steel & Wire. GKN said yesterday that the restructuring would continue. There would be more Business Editor page 17 Reluctant Opec could drop prices From Jonathan Davis, Vienna, March 18

United States food group Nabla-co. Now the fate of the group rests in the hands of the Monopolies Commission which is currently looking into the bid from Rowntree MacIntosh, unchanged of 1660. years. Opec may well be forced They also acknowledged trun output even further.

et 1660.
Númerous rumours surrounded et 1660.

Numerous rumours surrounded the 36 per cent Increase in pretax profits to £56m et Sedgwick Group, Including a rights issue, possible acquisitions and a dawn raid. The United States brokers Alexander & Alexander were tipped in connexion with the latter. But it was dismissed as "totally unitue" by newly elected president, Mr Tinsley H. Irving. Sedgwisk ended the day unchanged at 149p, after 152p.

Associated Leisure leapt 11p at 100p on the news it is to spend £11.1m on Smiths Happiway Spencers, a Wigan-based coach holidays business.

Capteals rose 5p to 50p after the Worcester Engineering Copaid £450,000 for Capseals waterproof and barrier paper manufacturing subsidiary.

The Rank Organization improved 2p to 196p after Mr Harry Smith, the outgoing chairman, bild shareholders them was he

Smith, the outgoing chairman, told shareholders there was no evidence of an increase in economic activity.

A line of 400,000 shares clipped 1p from the price of Jardine Mattheson at 146p. Equity turnover on March 18, was £150,682m - (17,095 bar-

MICHAEL CLARK

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 7,052.80 up 163.27, Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,188,20 down 3,47.

CURRENCIES

 The ailing French franc dominated the markets, with both the dollar and sterling trading quietly on the sidelines. The pound made good gains on European currencies and the yen.

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1,8100 unchanged Index 91.1 up 0.4 DM 4.3000 Fr F 11.2200

Index 114.3 up 0.5 DM 2.3745 up 30 pts

MONEY MARKETS

Domestic Rates: Base rates 13% 3-month interbank 13%-13% **Euro Currency Rates:** 3 month dollar 14%-15% i 3 month Fr.F. 24-23

Yen 438.00

\$323 up \$10

 Rates tended to be slightly easier where changed. The Bank of England relieved an estimated shortage of £350m by buying £347m, of bills at unchanged

industry's fuel bills By Derek Hill, Commercial Editor Esso has joined Shell in at their present level. Giving

3 per cent cutback in

Esso has joined Shell in cuiting fuel costs for industry and diesel fuel for sector will make the compatransport fleets. Phillips recording the retail trade, also moved into line last night and other big oil companies are expected to bring in similar cuts today or early next week. The cuts, which leave the gump price of petrol at service stations which should bring numn prices down 2.5m

The cuts, which leave the pump price of petrol at service stations which should current levels, represent big savings for many industries. It can amount to between 2 and 3 per cent of fuel bills, with big users benefiting by up to £500,000 a year.

In reflecting the weak market for fuels during the installations benefit from a continuing oil glut, the cuts

will further hit the oil companies' already shrunken margins. Petrol prices in the last six months have been slashed with little benefit going to industry.

Oil companies have already frozen the level of ther price 25 per cent in various support for petrol retailers and want to keep retail prices of kerosene.

The turs are largely in line with the reductions already made by Shell.

Last year, compared with 1980, demand by industry for fuels declined between 18 and frozen the level of ther price sectors. Petrol deliveries and want to keep retail prices

Mr Jack Gill, dismissed

managing director of Associated Communications

Corporation, moved yester-

day to force a showdown

with his former boardroom

colleagues.
In January, ACC directors including their former chairman Lord Grade, promised the High Court that they would limit the use of their

shares solely to adjourn a special shareholders meeting

called to consider a record £560,000 payoff to Mr Gill.

Yesterday Sir David Nap-ley, Mr Gill's lawyer, said he

was applying to the High Court early next week to

have those promises rescind-

That would mean the ACC

directors could then vote as they saw fit. But if they voted against the payoff and property deal, Mr Gill could take legal action against indicated the payoff and batter the same against the legal action act

individual directors who had promised to support his

colleagues.

continuing oil glut, the cuts Ip a gallon reduction in the will further hit the oil price of kerosene.

Companies' already shrunken

The cuts are largely in line

voting shares.
If they decided to continu-

ally adjourn the meeting, Sir

David said he would then

consider other legal action because they were "ducking

the issue".
If they voted for the deal,

yesterday until April 20.

REFERRED By Our Financial Staff Nabisco Brands, the United States food group, yesterday made its expected £84m counterbid for Huntley &

NABISCO'S

£84m BID

Paimer and was promptly referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Earlier this week the Office of Fair Trading decided to refer Rowntree
Mackintosh's F72.5m offer
for Huntley. The OFT is
believed to have recommended the reference on the grounds that the merger would give Nabisco 40 per cent of the British snacks market and that a failure to refer the offer would be diadvantageous to both bid-

Both offers are effectively in limbo until the com-mission's report, which will take at least six months. But the Huntley board favours a merger with the American

group.
Nabisco, advised by N. M.
Rothschild, says it will offer
120p for each Hundey share
with an alternative cash offer equivalent to 115p a share. Rowntree's bid is pitched at 105p a share.



Mr Jack Gill acts to secure £560,000 golden handshake ACC directors face showdown over payoff "golden handshake" with their 45.3 per cent of th e

no part of that decision could be implimented because of the separate High Court action by ACC's institutional shareholders, lead by the Post Office pension fund which are opposing Mr Gill's payoff on the grounds that it

Mr Jack Gill: clash with ACC board

represents an unfair and prejudicial action against a minority of shareholders.

Sir David spelled out his ACC, while Mr Gill's payoff is still not settled, ACC continues to pay for his car, chauffeur and the outgoings intentions after a resumed "goldent handshake" meeting yesterday. It was first convened for January 8, has been adjourned three times and was adjourned again of his house.

non-voting shares, has two offers on the table. His first, bidding 110p for the non voting shares and £4.40 for the voters, values ACC at £60m. His second is offering 95p a share for the non-voters and £3.80 for the 150,000 voters, of which its parent company, Bell Group, owns 2.2 per cent. He has reserved the right to close the 110p offer at two weeks notice and go unconditional on that offer if he receives less than 90 per cent acceptance. If he decides that the 110p offer will have to be

accepted by holders of 90 per cent of each class of share and it fails, he will then allow it to lapse and switch to the 95p a share bid which is conditional only on getting more than 50 per cent of the voting shares.

Mr Holmes a Court appears at a resumed hearing of the Mr Holmes a Court's TVW Takeover Panel today to esterday until April 20.

Under an agreement with owns 53 per cent of the ACC revise his 85p bid

to private sector Bank lending to the private impact on domestic credit. ector continued to grow Central government was in trongly last month. Figures surplus to the tune of £416m;

the rest of the public sector of £88m; and the non-bank private sector took up £1,188m. of public sector

taxpayers were systematically falsifying their returns involving what the Revenue describes as "negligence, wilful default or fraud". When the Revenue caught up with them they paid not only the unpaid tax, but penalties and interest payments amounting to more than

These and many more facts Business Editor, page 15. 1981, March 31.

Sale Tilney

(subject to final Audit) £000 £000

Net Profit before Tax 1,977 1.936 + 2.1%10,001 + 14.0% 11,405 share

Dividend

The world is still in the throes of an exceptionally severe

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Squeeze on gold producers . . . Steetley starts to recover

Mines fail to cover their costs

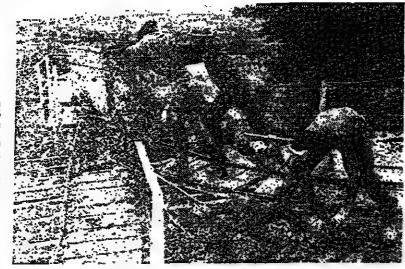
Gold shares are going through their worst patch since 1976 (Michael Prest writes). One figure tells the story: assuming an average production cost of \$200 an ounce, the average profit margin of South Africa mines in the last quarter of 1981 was \$218; but a rise in costs and the collapse of the gold price to nearer \$300 has possibly halved the margin.

As a result, ten South African mines are receiving less for their gold than it costs to extract. They include such speculative favourites as East Rand Proprietary Mines. Venterspost and Lorraine. ERPM and Durban Roodepoort Deep have recently announced that a major part of their modernization programme has been curtailed by the low gold

Roughly another 10 mines have costs of between \$100 and \$200 an costs of between \$100 and \$200 an nunce, and those grouped near the upper end of the range will suffer from thin margins if the gold price sticks at current levels. It is not surprising that brokers are turning to the good quality and low cost mines such as Driefontein, Southvaal and winkelbaak.

as \$370.

Last year the mines were partly cushioned against falling gold by a depreciating Rand. There is additional worry that the Pretoria government, faced with falling revenue, will introduce a loan levy, perhaps of 10 per cent, in its budget on March 24.



Gold: going through a rough patch

not caught up with the recent gold price collapse, and that the shares are consequently overpriced. Some estimate mines are still discounting a gold price of as high

The key factor may be American But even these shares are being perceptions of where the major. The worst could be over for treated warily. A lot of brokers now cost mines are going. New Steetley, the minerals, constructionally feel that the market has York money has moved gold tion and chemicals group, with

Lord Jessel, chairman of Associated Leisure

amusement machines are

sited, leaving in the second half of the year to March 14 lower than the first although

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16.24(12.6)
3.6(2.96)
36.25(41.79)
16.2(15.5)
7.5(--)
18.4(10.2)
0.74(1.25)

13.4(10.1) 4.8(4.7) 3.64(2.71)

2.33(1.8) 6.02(7.06)

shares in recent years, and is likely to do so again. But until that happens, the word is to stay out, except to buy on exceptional

One possible opportunity is Vaal Reefs, which at £21 is half its high.

Profits dip but worst over

writes).

This was in the face of depressed demand in the steel, construction and chemical industries, and while the downturn in the steel division could be perma-nent, there should be a recovery in chemicals and particularly building materials in the current

building materials in the current year.

Overseas activities continued to make good progress, rising as a proportion of group operating profits by 37 per cent to account for 48 per cent of profits while United Kingdom operations showed a 14 per cent fall.

But recession in North America will prevent any improvement from steel and industrial equipment business there, while the weakness of sterling could elimin-

weakness of sterling could eliminate last year's £1.2m exchange gain on consolidation of overseas To expand further its minera

based activities, Steetley had agreed to the disposal of its Australian chemical business to Harrisons & Crosfield for approximately A\$20m. This will not affect Steetley's other operations in Australia and will make a useful reduction to the group's heavy borrowings. Interest payments rose from £6.99m to £9.16m in the year to December. year to December.

year to becomber.

The 1981 figures — which were on sales up from £345.7m to £402.4m — are after a charge of £1.2m for redundancy payments in the United Kingdom and

full year figures showing only a 5 per cent fall to £17.3m pre-tax months profits from G. H. after being 16 per cent adrift at the half-way stage, (Gareth David group acquired last July for group acquired last July for £15.9m.

With a 9.29p final, dividends for the year remain unchanged at 15p per share gross, but even with the anticipated rise in profits for the current year to around £20m pretax, the dividend cover of 1.6 leaves little room for any increase in distributions.

in distributions.

Steetley shares rose 4p to 181p on results, where they yield 8.3 per cent, but the fully taxed ple ratio is a demanding 11.7.

Good news in the crystal ball

Waterford Glass was an industrial success story which mirrored the growth of the Irish economy up until 1979. (Drew Johnston writes). That year profits peaked at Irf11.6m, then fell away to Irf8m. The company blamed the integrational recession. international recession.

But now, in spite of the continuing recession, Waterford is making a spirited recovery. Analysts expect favourable cur-rency movements to take the 1981 pretax profits up to Ir£10.5m. A hoped-for slight increase in the dividend payout makes the pro-spective dividend yield under Ireland's more complex corporation tax rules around 7.5 per

Crystal and pottery products,



Mr P. W. McGrath,

the core of the business, is understood to be leading the profits recovery with a high proportion of sales going to the proportion of sales going to the United States. The crystal, from Ireland, and the pottery, from the Avnsley subsidiary in the English Potteries, have both benefited from the respective exchange rates of the Irish pound and sterling against the dollar. The share price is 19p in London, but could go much higher if next Tuesday's figures live up to expectations. The live up to expectations. The growth profile is for steady progress in the next three or four

years, depending to some extent on the success of the new lightingware business. This will contribute at least Ir£500,000 this year, analysts say.

accompanying the figures Mr

Paul Bristol, chairman, said:

"All the company's contracts offshore in the North Sea

and onshore overseas are progressing well". The drill-ship Polly Bristol, under

contract to Spanish oil company Campsa for \$95,000

a day, was progressing as planned, he added.

Borrowing of the new company stood at £1.8m during 1981 — a figure unlikely to rise drastically during the current year, although at least one major

The biggest is a drilling contract for Mobil's Beryl B

platform costing \$25m and

due to come on stream some

time next year.

News of the figures added

2p to the shares at 64p against the flotation price of

95p. KCA International, cur-

rently with 75 per cent of the equity, has no plans yet to dilute its holding further.

SEDGWICK GROUP

Profits up 36pc

Sedgwick Group, the Lon-

don-based insurance and

reinsurance broker, has boosted pretax profits by 36 per cent from £41.56m to

£56.4m for the year to December 1981. Revenue increased to £168.8m from

£135.1m, a rise of 25 per cent. The group said its broker-age income would have been

greater but for the continu-

ing effects of low insurance rates for most classes of business throughout the

world. Favourable exchange

rates in the second half of the year benefited the income

Interest earnings were also

contract is under way.

CAPITAL SPENDING Department of Industry figures for the fixed capital expenditure of manufacturing, distributing and service for the increase in the value of stocks, a seasonally adjusted at 1975 prices.

STATISTICS

•		Em Invest- ment Total	Mitg	Em Change in Stocks
1978		9,002	3,769	641
1979		9.973	3.969	742
1980		10,217	3,577	-1,881
1981		9,742	2,947	-1.063
1980	01	2.562	959	-433
-	QZ	2,547	918	-219
	03	2,529	893	-393
	Q4	2.579	808	-835
1981	Q1	2,413	781	-442
	Q2	2,450	761	-518
	03	2.419	705	- 78
	Q4	2,460	701	- 25

MONEY SUPPLY

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29,690	67,540	122,109	ı
29,560	68,010	123,109	ı
31,010	69,570	125,696	ı
-31,210		127,250	ŀ
32,060			
31,270		130,688	
		132,481	
		133,531	
		133,611	
33,980	83,280	134,438	
34,600	84,700	136,137	
34,460	84,640	136,829	
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change in series Monthly change in sterling M3 and domestic credit expansion Em

		Domestic credit expan- sion	
1981	-		-
March	+1.054	+ 814	+ 434
April	+ 406	+2.058	+1.560
May	+ 48	+1,208	+1,129
June	+ 48	+1,164	+ 182
July	+ 408	+2,240	+1,564
Aug .		+1,240	.+ 793
Sept	+1,206	+2,459	+1,487
Oct	+ 776	+1,551	+1,206
Nov	+2,552	+ 445	+ 330

5-to-2 ahead of declines. Volume rose to 54.5 million shares from 48.9 million yesterday.

Oil comp.

pollution

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My Pau' C Bu

Another encouraging economic statistic came out of Washington in the form of a 0.5 per cent gain in personal income in February while personal consumption expen-ditures were up 0.8 per cent.

ASSOC LEISURE

Invading another space...

With the Space Invaders boom apparently over, Associated Leisure, which has nearly one fifth of the amusement machine market, has diversified its interests with the £11.18m acquisition of Smiths Happiway Spen-cers, a Wigan-based coach tour and holiday company.

Associated Leisure had been seeking a major acqui-sition which would both contribute to earnings and offer the prospect of further

It will finance the purchase by the issue of £4.67m 11 per cent guaranteed unsecured loan stock and the issue of 1.5m ordinary shares, representing 5.7 per cent of the existing ordinary capital. A further £1.1m will be paid in April 1983 in either loan stock or cash.

Turnover of SHS in 1981 was £13.9m and pre-tax profits amounted to £2.43m. The group has net tangible to the year to March 14 are expected to show a recovery loan stock or cash.

The group has net tangible to the year to March 14 loan this first although still up on the previous year.

But the group has enjoyed a strong cash flow, with borrowings, other than the first although still up on the previous year.

But the group has enjoyed a strong cash flow, with borrowings, other than 13.76m of 7½ per cent unsecured loan stock, reduced to £1.24m at March 3, while cash balancas rose from £0.19m to £3.52m.

Preliminary results for the year to March 14 are expected to show a recovery microwave boom.

stock or cash.

Turnover of SHS in 1981 was £13.9m and pre-tax profits amounted to £2.43m. The group has net tangible assets of £7.4m which include 150 coaches and nine hotels in British resorts. It sold 135.000 holidays in 1981.

The combination of severe weather and continuing recession has hit the trade of 100 cash.

duced to £1.24m at March 3, white cash balancas rose from £0.19m to £3.5m. Preliminary results for the year to March 14 are expected to show a recovery after the slump from £5.3m to £4.6m in the year to March 1981, with analysts looking for around £4.3m. At the half-way stage, pre-tax profits were down from £3.24m to £2.34

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BEJAM

Fast move

Bejam, Britain's largest chain of frozen food centres, has moved out of its lossmaking fast foods venture quick-ly enough for the benefits to show through already.

Pretax profits are up to £5.7m in the six months to January, compared with the E4.5m made last time when profits were depressed by the losses in the Trumps hamburger restaurants division which has been sold. Sales in the period are up 17 per cent to £114.6m, with retail food sales up 20 per cent. After eliminating those sales and The Liverpool Daily P the establishments where in continuing businesses is most of Associated Leisure's unchanged at just over 5 per

cent of turnover.

Bejam, despite a sales slump because of the recent

microwave boom

The group has 172 stores — mainly in the south of the country — and is planning to open another six this year.
Three of its stores are being Bejam says it is not over-

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to December.

The group has increased the dividend by 7 per cent to a gross 14.5p with a 9.2p final

tition from the increasing tendency of large supermar-kets, such as Sainsburys and Asda, to expand their own freezer departments. Indeed, Mr Adthorp says that their best sites are situated next to Sainsburys or other such stores in main shopping

precincts.
The half year dividend is unchanged at 1.78p gross, or 1.28p gross when adjusted for the scrip issue. The shares slipped 3p to 126p.

LIVERPOOL POST

The Liverpool Daily Post & Echo group yesterday re-turned to the profit levels achieved two years ago. In 1980 a major dispute with the National Graphical Association, falling advertising revenue and s strong pound pulled profits down to their owest for a decade.

Last year its United King-

dom newspapers achieved a £1.7m turnaround from losses to profit, North American newspapers increased their contribution by around three quarters and the papermaking and packaging division produced a record £2.57m. The performance gave the

Merseyside newspaper group, which is rapidly increasing its publishing interests outside the United Kingdom, a pre-tax profit of £3.8m against £1.5m last time on a turnover which rose from £49.3m to £62.5m in the year to December.

and the shares, 82p at one point in the past 12 months, jumped 10p to a new 162p

peak for the year.

Profits from the group's
United Kingdom publications
were £1.4m against a loss of
£224,000 last time, but still
some way below the 1979
profits of £2.7m.

The group owns two chains
in the United States and has in the United States and has

recently added two more weekly papers, and has one daily and a number of weekly newspapers in Canada. North American profits rose from £860,000 to £1.4m. The paper

worried by the stiffer compe- and packaging side increased tition from the increasing from £1.172m to £2.57m. Shareholders will receive a first time payment of 1.87p a his statement

In

The group is saying little of trading performance in the past two months, but expects further expansion in the United Kingdom to be in its packaging division. In newpapers, the group con-tinues to look to North

LLOYDS BANK

Note of caution Sir Jeremy Morse, chair-

man of Lloyds Bank, says he expects banks to be more cautious in their international lending until there are clear signs of an improvement in world economic conditions.

Events in Poland and Iran have led to fears that the general credit structure has been excessively weakened, he says in the group's annual report. He does not expect widespread defaults

The position in the UK, where the bank has had to give special support to small businesses and individuals also points to capital strength. To protect deposi-tors Lloyds itself has had to keep its capital position sound. In 1981 the bank's ratio of

deposits to free capital was 19% to 1 and although these were satisfactory, he adds they would have been better by a full point if last year's profits had not been reduced by the £59m paid on the "ill-judged" special levy imposed on UK banks.

KCA DRILLING

Floating clear

Despite last June's dis-appointing flotation of KCA Drilling, the first set of full year figures have lived up to expectations. Pre-tax profits for 1981

have exceeded the forecast made at the time of the float from its parent company, KCA International, by 12.26 per cent, revealing an increased from 4.28p to 5.35p increase from £3.5m to £5.8m. Turnover rose from £16.3m to £26.95m with earnings a share of 7.765p. The flotation was made at the same time on BP's rights

from 10.1p, and dividend was increased from 4.28p to 5.35p gross. This brings the total

higher in 1930, partly as a result of high international interest rates. Earnings per ordinary share rose to 13.4p

share were 12.7p against 8.9p

OVERSEAS COMPANIES

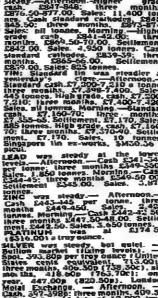
Sony Corporation's consoli-Sony Corporation's consolidated net income rose 4.9 per cent in the first quarter ended January 31, to a first-quarter record 20,905m yen (£47.5m), up from 19,927m yen a year earlier. Sales also posted a first-quarter record, rising 4.5 per cent to 272,988m yen from 261,157m yen. For all of fiscal 1982, Sony predicted a consolidated sales rise of between 10 per cent and 15 per cent above the fiscal 1981 level. ent above the fiscal 1981 level.
Order inflow to Siemens AG rose 11 per cent to Dm17,500m (\$4,032.2m) in the first five months of the year started

earlier period. Foreign orders continued to underpin overall order growth, rising 22 per cent in the fist five months compared to a 3 per cent fall in domestic demand. Storage Technology Corporation, United States computer maker, has predicted profit to be

October 1, 1981 from the year

at least 50 per cent higher than a year earlier. Profit for the quarter ending March 28 should be at least \$18m (£9.83m), compared with a net income of \$11,4m for the year earlier period. Australian National Industries

anounced a 27. per cent increase in net profits after tax for the seven months to January 1982, compared with the corresponding period a year earlier. Sales for the same period were ahead of last year by 26 per cent to A\$302.5m.



issue announcement.



COMMODITIES

trucks is expected to fail 0.3 per cent this year, to 990,000 units. Bus demand sales are put at .23,400 units, showing chairman of Waterford Glass an increase of 3.1 per cent.
Japanese finance ministry
officials have denied a Nihon Keizar newspaper report claiming that the European Community has urged Japan to impose a surcharge on exports of steel, cars and advanced technological items to temper their price competitiveness in west European markets.

WEST GERMANY

Kloeckner-Werke, the West German steel group, is seeking government support for a new plan to rationalize production. Kloeckner's plan involves sharp cutbacks in crude steel output, at 4.8 million tons last year, in an attempt to return the company to profitability.

INTERNATIONAL

In Japan car sales are likely to go up 2.7 per cent this year to about 5.236 million units, the Japan Automobile

Manufacturers Association said yesterday. Demand for small and medium-sized passenger cars will rise 3.3 per cent the association said to about 2.8 million units. Domestic demand for small trucks is expected to fall 0.2

JAPAN

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 West Germany's cost of living index rose 0.2 per cent in the month to mid-February after a 0.9 per cent rise to mid-January.

Lurgi Gesellschaften, the engineering arm of Metalgesellschaft, is to design and deliver a polypropylene spunbonded web plant to Nan Yaplastics of Taiwan.

 West Germany registered 212,355 new motor vehicles in February, 7.1 per cent fewer than in February 1981. But motorcycle registrations, at 18,711, increased 52 per cent over the previous February.

UNITED STATES

Jones and Laughlin steel, a subsidiary of LTV of Dallas, is to lay off 1,000 workers at two seamless pipe plants, due to weakening demand for its products, primarily from the oil industry.

• Kawasaki, of Japan, has won a contract to build 325 air-conditioned "graffitiproof" stainless carriages for the New York subway system at \$844,500 (£469,166) each.

SOUTH AFRICA The preferential trade agree-

ment between South Africa and Zimbabwe, due to expire March 24, has been exteded until further notice, Mr Dawie de Villiers, South African Minister if Industries, Commerce and Tourism said yesterday. "Methods to alleviate the problems which gave rise to the notice of termination of the agreement are now being considered.

ITALY

Italy's electric power con-sumption rose to 15,510m kilowatt hours last month, up 1.6 per cent from the same month last year. In the two first months of the year consumption declined 0.1 per cent, from last year. Imports of electric power last month fell 60 per cent, to 366m kilowatt hours, from a year +1,775 +1,337 +1,476 +1,976 + 836 - 5 earlier.

WALL STREET

New York, March 18 — Stocks finished strong after rising steadily for most of the afternoon in heavy trad-The Dow Jones Industrial

Average was up 9.42 points to 805.27 its best level of the day. Advancing issues were Mar Mar 18 17

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

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Mr Paul C Button, Mr D Noel Primitive biochips of the Healy and Mr Peter V Reed first type have been used have been appointed assistant directors of merchant bankers, Charterhouse Japhet.

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Peter Wilson-Smith and Peter Hill

Stone-Platt collapse: the banks finally lose patience

occasioned a furious row of a kind rarely seen in the City. Publicly those involved in the last ditch attempts to bring Stone-Plan back from the brink were expressing disap-pointment that the bank had not seen fit to go along with

BUSINESS NEWS/FOCUS AND COMMENT

More than

a fleeting

Success

The Bibby Line, the oldest

surviving independent British shipping company, is cel-ebrating its 175th anniver-

sary. At a civic reception in

Liverpool last night, the chairman Derek Bibby, a great-great grandson of the

founder, presented the Lord

Mayor with a specially-written history of the firm which has through six gener-

ations sent more than 170 ships from its Merseyside

headquarters to sail the trade

The earliest sailing vessels, including several captured from the French during the

John Bibby, founder of the

Napoleonic wars, ferried pig iron, while the latest are diesel-powered super-tankers

carrying liquid gas and oil. In-hetween have been cargo and passenger ships of almost every kind, including the

Somersetshire, a hospital ship torpedoed in 1942, re-

boarded and saved by her crew. She continued in service until 1948.

Withdrawal from the pass-enger trade come in 1965, and lay-ups became necess-ary from 1977 as freight markets slackened. The past

year has been on of consoli-

dation. But, Mr Bibby says, the company "has sufficient resources to see itself through the coming difficult

months or even years, and is already looking forward to celebrating its bicentenary.".

Geoffrey McLean is waiting for the results of an unusual interview in which candidates for a job in his gift inter-viewed him and not the other

himself doing a career switch and returning to architecture. Since McLean and the centre

salary and office costs McLean thought it better to

have candidates interview him and then to go away and decide whether or not they

wanted the job. There was a two-hour

question and answer session, and said McLean, there are 12

people considering whether the job will get the applicants rather than the other way

Oil companies'

Insurance persons of the

world unite in London next month when Gordon Shaw is

bringing together about 1,000 of them in the biggest insurance function yet to

take place in the capital — the International Congress in

Shaw, congress director and arbitrator in insurance

disputes, says that the juicy part of the five-day congress which begins on April 19 is the meeting of the working

group on pollution on in-

surance.
This is headed by Ambrose
Kelly, chairman of the
Chicago-based Pollution Lia-

bility Insurance Association, which is funded by the American Bar Foundation.

Says Shaw unless world governments start listening

to the working group and lay down the law on lead content

in petrol, oil companies risk claims "far beyond the reach of ordinary polices."

Harrods goes east this autumn, when it opens a small shop within the Mitsukoshi department store in

Tokyo - the first time that

its merchandise has been offered in a major overseas

outlet. The arrangement fol-

lows several years' coopera-tion between the two groups and will involve Harrods' wwn-label goods exclusively. Mr Aleck Craddock, Harrods'

chairman and managing director, will visit Japan in

May to complete plans. "This

is a most exciting develop-ment," he says, "We are delighted to be associated

Insurance Law.

pollution risk

way round.

the latest rescue plan.

Privately the comments were much harsher. Indeed the City view is that the banks have let the side down hadly

badly
"Frankly they ought to
stick to lending money for
houses. Industry would be houses; Industry would be better off going to the building societies for risk capital. I really do feel the banks would have acted differently six months ago." Thus spoke one City man yesterday as the recievers moved in at Stone-Platt bringing to a dismal end a rescue story which began in April 1980 when the company first ran into default on its

April 1980 when the company first ran into default on its bank joans and its bankers—under the watchful eye of the Bank of England—rallied round to save the situation.

Nearly two years, two rescues and several million pounds later, however, the banks' patience has finally run out. Desperate last minute talks over the weekend involving the Bank of end involving the Bank of England in the person of Mr David Walker, head of its industrial finance unit, could

not save the day.
Ironically the key to the latest efforts to save the company was the sale of the Lancashire-based Platt Saco Lowell textile machinery division, the running sore which is largely responsible for the company's problems. It made trading losses of £2.97m in 1979 and £2.82m in 1980 because of the deep-seated problems in its Lancashire operations many of which arose from the appai-

way round.

McLean is the chairman of the Midland Study Centre for the Building Team, a unit at Birmingham Poly which gives mid-career training to people in the building trade.

John Kirwan, the founder-director after three years is time working.
Output has been falling in and returning to architecture. Output has been falling in reputation from his days in the oil industry and at the have only £9,000 to offer in 1975, and even more signifier control of the oil industry and at the salary and office costs cantly have seen their share of the

home market being steadily eroded, by imported machinery.

For the 200 or so companies involved in manufacturing textile industry machinery, the bulk of them small and medium sized concerns, the principal pre-occupation of £15m. Meanwhile borrow-

have been cut to the bone and even funds made available by the Government under the Industry Act designed to stimulate development work of the content of the content work of the content work of the content of the content work of the content of th opment work on new machines have been underused.

High British interest rates and an exchange rate which has made exporting difficult, have compounded the industry's problems in overseas markets. West German and Swissmade machinery is Swiss-made machinery is dominant while Japan, France, Italy and the United States are all providing stiff

competition.

The foreign companies have been able to compete much more effectively in countries outside the EEC because of the greater strength of their domestic markets. Five years ago the British textile machinery companies were exporting on average about half of their production but last year the proportion dropped below 40

HOW PROFITS SLUMPED

Pre-	tax profits (£m)
1971	3.58
1972	4.65
1973	7.04
1974	7.89
1975	11.14
1976	_ 15.61
1077	14,43
1978	9,51
1979	-2.94
1980	5 .54

A detailed analysis of the industry published last year by ICC Business Ratios noted that by the middle of 1980, the average return on investment for machinery builders was a mere 3.7 per cent with one in three of the industry's companies operating at a

This was the background against which Stone Platt had which arose from the appalling recession More than any other sector of the British enginerring industry, the extile machinery sector has suffered huge contraction and re-trenchment. In 1970 the industry employed 47,000 workers; nine years later is had shrunk to about 24,000 by a series of major assets and is now under 20,000 with many of those spending management was also much of their time om short time working.

This was the background against which Stone-Platt had to battle for survival. Faced with the crippling cash drain of its Lancashire textile machinery operations, Stone-Platt embarked on a programme of redundancy and retrenchment accompanied by a series of major assets also much of their time om short time working.

rejuvenate the group.
In November 1980 the group sold off its pump division for £11.5m in a move which together with other In 1980 (the latest year for smaller sales cut into borrow-hich figures are available) ings by £14m. Early in 1981 In 1980 (the latest year for which figures are available) ings by £14m. Early in 1981 the share of the domestic market held by British companies slumped to only 25 per cent — well short of the targets set by the industry in 1981 there were further asset sales as the propeller business was disposed of. At the same time progress continued on reducting numbers employed in the main United Kingdom textile and the same time progress continued on reducting numbers employed in the main United Kingdom textile and the same time progress continued on reducting numbers employed in the main United Kingdom textile

The collapse of textile main recent years has been ings remained high at £32m chinery; and engineering simple survival. Research net compared with £40m of company Stone-Platt has and development budgets shareholders' funds.

poration for Industry, the medium term lending institution backed by the clearing banks and the Bank of England, and Equity Capital for Industry — owned by City institutions — stumped by City institutions — stumped up between them £3m of the new capital while big shareholders like Prudential Assurance and M & G also increased their exposure to

the group.

At the time Stone-Platt said that it could not make a forecast but hoped to break even in 1981. In the event this was proved far too populistic.

Losses were up again in the first half of 1981 from £2.5m to £3.5m pre-tax, dashing any hope of break-eyen for 1981 as a whole and a further indication that all was not well came last October when Mr Robin Tayener, resigned suddenly from his post as chief

The failure of the latest rescue attempt, which appears to have been necessitated by the greater-than-expected difficulties in turning round the Lancashire operations, together with a downturn in the United States textile machinery side, is open to different interpret-

The view of ECI, FCI and the institutional shareholders was that if the sale of the Platt Saco Lowell textile machinery division — the main source of the groups problems - could have been successfully carried out, that together with the property sales, it would have left the basis for a viable company.

Together these sales would have raised perhaps £15m and although there would have been a big write-down on the sale and gearing would have risen to about 120 per cent, the institutions had indicated they would lend support for another rights issue and restructuring.

However the assets being sold were security for the banks' loans and in order to carry on trading Stone-Platt would need to keep some of the cash it was raising. The banks, headed by Midland Bank, were not prepared to see their security whittled away and their risk in-creased. If the assets against which they had secured their loans were sold, the banks wanted the money back.

This view appears to have been unanimous among the muin lending bankers, Midland, National Westminster, Barclays and its merchant bank subsidiary, and Williams & Glyn's.

It is likely that they have all made provisions already against their loans to Stone-Platt and it is thought that sales and profits."

Scientists have discovered organic molecules which can exist in two distinct states

and which can be switched between them by applying a tiny electric charge. In theory



Mr Leslie Pincott Stone-Platt chairman yesterday: a tinguished career, but he was unable to arrest the decline

between them they now stand to lose £12m to £16m.

However the alternative as the banks appear to have seen it, was to increase their exposure to a company which would need at least £10m to £15m of new capital, and could at best project a breakeven for 1982

At the end of the day their losses might have been even greater. So faced with the refusal of the banks to raise money quickly from else-where, Stone-Platt was left with no alternative but to ask

The surprising element in The surprising element in the collapse of Stone-Platt is that the banks and institutions have disagreed so strongly on both its prospects and needs, if this latest rescue plan went through. Stone-Platt itself believed that only 55m to £7/4m extra capital would have been required if the short term problems could be overcome — a view supported by the institutions involved but a far cry from the £10m to £15m the banks thought necessary.

According to one of those involved in the rescue attempt "I think the banks lost confidence when \$500 mm 10mm.

confidence when Stone-Platt did not meet its projections for 1981. But I don't think they ever really understood the very real difficulties for a company of this kind in trying to forecast its likely

During the recession the banks have constantly em-phasized how they bent over backwards to help borrowers who ran into difficulties and besides Stone-Platt there have been a number of other well-publicized rescue pack-ages involving banks and City institutions. Weir Group, Thomas Borthwick and the

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computer company ICL have all been indulged by their bankers. But the Stone-Platt failure has raised new fears. "What I hope it does not mean is that there is some sea change in the banks' attitude towards supporting industry", said one con-cerned fund manager yester-

> engineering industry — over the past twelve months. It was aware of the deepening crisis. But any rescue oper-ation by Whitehall was firmly ruled out with the Govern-ment's belief that the receivership/manager route is

to be preferred.
Although Stone-Platt is a significant force in the British textile machinery sector (indeed, perhaps the most significant) Whitehall is most significant) Whitehall is confident that the textile industry will continue to be able to obtain supplies of machinery, though the volume of imports may rise.

Business Editor

Europeans cut interest rate

Down came German, Swiss and Dutch interest rates yesterday, and almost simultaneously. On the face of it, one could hardly have had more conclusive evidence of a concerted move by leading European countries to break the stranglehold of United States influence. Yet that may be an over-simplification.

The prime decision-mak-

ers in this instance were clearly the Germans. But the Germans may have been considering several things

Obviously, they are keen to get interest rates steadily lower for domestic con-siderations; and the recent stability of the currency vis-a-vis the dollar, in the DM 2.35 to DM 2.40 range, is 2.35 to DM 2.40 range, 1s presumably seen as offering the right kind of exchange rate background.

But the Germans must also be acutely aware of the mounting areas.

mounting pressure on the French and Belgian francs within the European Monetary System. Not only must there be considerable reluctance to have a fresh realignment within the EMS so soon after the last on February 22, but the Germans may be none too keen on the idea of a French devaluation in any case.

For the moment, then, lower German and Dutch interest rates, combined with rather higher French interest rates, may help to stabilize the situation. And doubtless the Germans will use the breathing space to quietly suggest that, the French reconsider their

doméstic policies. Markets are not betting on this being any more than a breathing space, however. They see nothing to encourage them when they look at France: persisting high inflation, a large trade deficit, and a swelling budget deficit predicated shades of the United States

erowth assumptions. The growth assumptions. The feeling is growing that the spring will bring a franc devaluation of, perhaps, 8 per cent, with the Belgian currency almost inevitably going with it.

Meanwhile, United King-dem groves markets appear.

dom money markets appear slightly more relaxed than earlier in the week, though no-one sees the overall structure of rates coming up for any major recon-sideration for some weeks yet. Yesterday's full bank-ing figures for February confirmed that bank lending to the private sector had once again grown strongly, albeit that large back-tax payments will have played their part in swelling the increase to £1,976m.

The Bank of England

Issue Department, incident-ally, provided a further £969m of this lending as its portfolio of eligible bills continued to grow. That figure will have expanded still further since; and the figure for outstanding sale and repurchase agreements

with the discount houses has snowballed to more than £1,900m.

GKN A firm base

The recession has impinged on GKN as much as anyone, forcing the company into a number of harsh decisions. Although there is further rationalization to come, the group does at least seem to be more on top of its problems than a number of other large industrial ECOUOS. second-half Certainly,

profits last year were appreciably better than the City had anticipated, with trading profits (before redundancy and rationalization costs) pushing up from £34.1m in the opening six months to £60.1m. That left a full-year pre-tax profit of £34.6m against a pre-tax loss of £1.2m in 1980. The weighting of taxable profits in the overseas operations has left the overall after-tax position at little better than break-

For the present year GKN sees little improvement for the first six months. In Britain the group is resting

on its cost-cutting achieve-

ments until volume picks up significantly, while it is obviously going to be a very difficult balf year for the

American operation. American operation.

With the prospect of some pick-up in world economic activity in the second half, however, GKN could start to edge forward faster.

Meanwhile, year-end borrowings were slightly down and though GKN might still be a rights issue

might still be a rights issue might still be a rights issue candidate later this year, it remains to be seen what cash the group will raise through further divestments. With the shares up 3p to 162p, the capitalization is £268m and the yeld 7.1

The Economy Where next?

The composite index of economic indicators, published yesterday, will go lished yesterday, will go some way to restoring the Government's confidence in a recovery, following the recent recent worryingly de-pressed level of industrial

production.
The "longer leading" The "longer leading" index, which predicts the ups and downs of the economy about 12 months ahead, has been rising steadily since the autumn and showed a particularly marked rise last month. However, the reading given by this index is not as

unambiguously bullish as it might at first appear.

To begin with the strong rise in February was based. on only two of the five component indicators interest rates were coming down and share prices were going up. Secondly, the index has been wobbling about since last spring when, after an earlier surge, it suddenly began to slide. It then continued to decline during the summer

and early autumn. If this is an accurate guide to the future trend of the economy we are likely to see an unnerving break in the recovery before it resumes its momentum. On the other hand, experience suggests that a series of wobbles on the index can be the prelude to a sharp

change in direction. In this case, the recovery can be expected to be weak and short-lived. This would certainly square with some other evidence.

The separate "coincident" index which is supthe business cycle reached at present, has remained tlat since U summer. This is probably consistent with what has been happening to industrial production. It was, of course, atrocious weather and strikes which helped depress industrial output Government. Unfortunately these are not factors that the longer leading index is able to predict.

Stone-Platt Lessons

The row which has broken out between institutional investors and the banks about the decision to pull the rug from under Stone-Platt is unprecedented.

Inevitably.
That criticism may or may not be justified. It is difficult for those not privy to the facts to make a judgement. It is as well to remember, of course that the institutional share-holders have plenty of reasons to scream: they, as well as the banks, have a lot

Are there any immediate lessons to be drawn? One might be that the general recession has moved to a stage where there is less desire to bend over backwards to keep companies afloat. At the same time however, it has probably become clearer that for certain industries long-term prospects now look no better than they did a year or so ago. Finally, one comes back

to the question of whether banks and other institutions can be expected to give long enough cash flow relief to ailing companies without the government sharing at least part of the risk.

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an array of these molecules could store vast quantities of information in binary code? Of microbes, microchips and men

fields of modern technology, by chemical reactions.
microelectronics and biotech- A typical ChemFl nology, are beginning to come together at the edges. Their fusion is creating the new. science of bioelec-tronics, whose principal product; the "biochip", could

have profound consequences for life in the next century.

Before getting too carried away, however, it is important to remember that bioelectronics is still an ill-defined cubicst in its indefined subject in its infancy. Its practitioners are yet reliable enough for offbeat molecular biologists, commercial application. genetic engineers, bio A variant measures genetic engineers, bio A variant measures the chemists and computer scientists, working in small carrying an electric charge groups in a few university which pass through the and corporate research labs membrane and change the on very different ideas. on very different ideas. There is no clear main-

The word "biochip" has Dr Barker's idea uses the already acquired two quite minute variations in calcium different meanings. The first ion concentrations that occur is an electronic chip built as the heart beats. The device from conventional semicon- will have a semi-permeable ductor materials but made to glass panel that lets in operate in a biological en-calcium but not other ions. It vironment (for example in could be built either with a side the body) and/or to tiny radio transmitter to give

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electric potential of the liquid anere is no clear main surrounding the chip. Drestream of research as in John Barker, of Warwick more mature fields, nor a University, is developing a reliable scientific grapevine cell of this type to monitor to relay news of the most the activity of the human heart.

respond to biological stimuli.

The other, more visionary, behaving abnormally, or with biochip is a microprocessor a pacemaker that would or memory cell made out of automatically stimulate a organic molecules instead of normal beat when irregulation. In theory it could be a processor of the war-

are now working to do away with the sensing fluid, by bonding enzyme directly onto the surface of an electronic more compact, because each to 100,000 election. One approach is to coat the semiconductor in a so-

film—an insulating layer of organic molecules whose thickness can be precisely three-dimensional array; the circuitry of today's chips controlled—and embed enzyme in it. Then, when the circuitry of today's chips runs in two dimensions only, over the surface of a semi-sure, say penicillin, binds to the enzyme, the latter changes shape and causes a transient electrical disturbance which the chip detects.

An alternative is to include whole bacteria, instead of

An alternative is to include whole bacteria, instead of enzymes, in the surface TECHNOLOGY:

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waste, would be good candi-

By Clive Cookson layer. These have the advantage of responding to a wider variety of chemicals, if you want a more general sensor. For example bacteria of the type found on sewage farms, which metabolize human

> dates for incorporation in a biochip to measure river pollution near sewer outfalls. The second type of bio-chip, made out of organic compounds rather than inorganic semiconductor, under investigation in several American laboratories. Scientists have discovered organic molecules which can exist in two distinct states and which can be switched between them by applying a tiny electric charge. (In chemical terms, the effect depends in

the switching of hydrogen

In theory an array of these molecules could store vast quantities of information in binary code, like a conventhat could be connected at the compact, because each molecule takes up far less which embryonic nerve cells con be cultured.

called Langmuir-Blodgett most densely packed inte-film — an insulating layer of grated circuit. Moreover the

layers one by one, with each molecule falling into the right place. Designing the structure and its communi-cations with the outside world is a far barder task.

centre in New York — though the company denies that bioelectronics is a major research interest. It says that the presence of a small number of enthusiasts on the IBM research staff - notably Arieh Aviram who has patented one futuristic design for a biochip — has given the false impression that organic chips are a corporate goal.

However, a number of small American firms are working more openly on organic circuits. The Mary-land town of Rockville, which is a centre of biotechnology research, seems to be the focus of activity. One Rockville company, EMV Associates, has patented a simple two-dimensional biochip based on layers of protein one molecule thick.
The National Science Foundation (the government agency responsible for basic research in the United States) recently gave EMV a grant to develop a biochip that could be connected

One intended application is to implant the chip behind the eye and feed signals to the brain's visual cortex. But it must be emphasized that this seeing chip has not yet been developed. The early biochips will be constructed in the laboratory and implanted into the body. But in the longer term molecular biologists are dreaming of using living cells to manufacture occanic

to manufacture organic computers. Some foresee bacteria whose genes have been altered to synthesize the necessary protein molecules and assemble them into a IBM scientists have been Others believe that chipassembling genes will eventu-ally be inserted in human working on organic memories at its Yorktown Heights cells and make hundreds of microscopic copies of an

organic computer inside ou bodies. The biochips will be able to correct failures in the nervous system that are brought on by disease or aging. When that day comes - in the next century - we really will have intelligence at our fingertips. Base

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From John Weodcock Cricket Correspondent

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Tasmania club

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Cape Town, March 18

The South African Cricket Union will be hoping for better crowds than in Johannesburg last weekend when the second of the three four-day matches between their own representatives eleven and the South African Breweries English XI begins tomorrow. In an attempt to attract relatively more people to the ground, there will be less television coverage than in Johannesburg, where, except on the Sunday, practically every ball was shown.

On the tour so far, the first of the one-day matches in Port Elizabeth produced a record crowd; the second of them, in Durban yesterday, drew 16,000, which was as many as anyone could remember there on a Wednesday. However, in Johannesburg a total of fifty thousand from the first of the four-day games was disappointing. On the first two days and the last a surplus of TV was thought to be partly responsible.

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lan Callen, a medium-fast bowler who has played one Test for Australia and finished second in the averages for Victoria in the Sheffield Shield this season, has been engaged as professional by the Lancashire League club, East Lancashire.

Perth, March 18. — Geoff Millar, * Western Australian Sheffield Shield all-round cricketer, will play for Watsomans in Edinburgh this summer. —



Procter: a captain who has been brought to his knees

Howarth dreams of victory

From Peter Mc Farline, Christchurch, March 18

Sydney, March 18. — The former Indian cricket captain, Bishen Bedi, bas issued a Supreme Court writ against a Tasmanian cricket club for alleged breach of contract. The writ was issued on March 12 in the Burnie Supreme Court against the Latrobe Municipal Cricket Club in northern Tasmania and three of its members.

The writ alleges that the former Northamptonshire spin bowler had a contract with the club for the 1981-82 cricket season worth £6,000, reasonable accommodation; the use of a car and return sir fares to New Delhi statisfactory but to think that and return sir fares to New Delhi statisfactory but to think that and return sir fares to New Delhi statisfactory but to think that and return sir fares to New Delhi

New Zealand go into the Third test match here tomorrow with an undeniable chance of securing tially disastrous outlook in his their first series victory over Australia. New Zealand achieved only their second Test victory over Australia at Auckland on Tuesday and in the final match of the series need only a draw on the placid Lancaster Park wicket to clinch the series. New Zealand's captain, Geoff.

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Thomson and lerry Alderman, and the off-spinner. Bruce Yardley. This test could well be Greg Chappell's last as captain. After a record-breaking 42 Tests at the helm, Chappell is unavailable for the Pa. kistan tour in Santamber. Sentember

Sri Lanka well placed in spite of collapse

Faisalabad, March 18.—, Sri Lanka's attempt to force Pakistan to follow on in the second Test failed today, but with one day's play remaining the tourists are still in a strong position.

Deapite a batting slump in their second innings Sri Lanka lead Pakistan by 311 runs with two wickets in hand on a pitch which is starting to take appreciable turn.

Pakistan, replying to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 454, were precariously placed at 210 for eight when play resumed today—still 45 runs short of the follow-on mark. The wicket-

lor eight when play resumen today - still 45 runs short of the follow-on mark. The wicket-keeper, Ashraf Ali, added only eight runs today before he was bowled for 58 but Rashid Khan and Tausif Ahmed highlighted the Sri Lankans' inexperience in Test cricket when they added 48 runs in a defiant last-wicket stand to steer Pakistan to their eventual total of 270.

Sri Lanka were also quickly in trouble in their second innings and only a gritty 56 from the opener Bahes Gunatilleke, held up te Pakistan attack up as the tourists crumbled to 127 for eight at close of play. Sri Lanka's first innings top scorers, Sidath Wetimuny (157) Roy Dias (98) and Ranjan Madugalle (91 not out) all fell cheaply to the home attack. Tahir Naqqash, helped by a strong breeze, gave Pakistan an early breakthrough when he had Wettimony caught behind and dismissed Dias.

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Mistake costs Barnes the lead

A rare misunderstanding of the rules of golf by Brian Barnes, a seasoned Ryder Cup player, almost certainly cost him the chance of an outright lead in the chance of an outright lead in the first round of the Mufulira Open on Zambia's sun-drenched Copperbelt yesterday. Barnes elected to take a penalty drop at the 412-yards tenth hole from the top of a giant ant hill. The ball was more than head high and totally unplayable, even for the strong and adventurous Barnes.

He droped the ball one club length clear when, under the menalty drop rules, he was

was to chip out sideways and suffer a two over par six on what is regarded as a reasonably straight forward hole.

Cowen, from Yorkshire, took a penalty drop and quite properly used two club lengths to get back into play. It was only then that Barnes remembered the rules state one club length for a free drop, two club lengths for a penalty drop. Now he finds himself in a four-way tie for the first round lead with David Vaughan, who has represented Wales several times in the World Wales several times in the World Cup competition, John Fowler, a club professional from Hertford-

LUIOn. PRST-Round LEADERS (GB unless stated) 69° B Barnes, J Fowler, A Chamley, D Vaughan, 70° S Martin, Lawrer (Sweder), C Mason, W Longmus, J Morgan, J Morgan, M Foster, 71° P Tupling, D Russell, 72° A Uffland (Nigeria), M Foston, S Bishop, P Hoad, P Tembo, (Zambla), D Matthew.

Hill Valley landmark The PGA Club professionals' golf championship, is to be played at Hill Valley, Whitchurch, this year. It will be the first time a national tournament

Spurs reminded about

penalties of success **By Clive White**

FOOTBALL

After the joyous celebrations of Wednesday night's success in Frankfurt, Tottenham Hotspur woke up to a different sort of headache yesterday. It is the hangover that goes hand in hand with success particularly so if them as of that date. Between the England matches with Scotland (May 29) and Finland (June 3), Mr Burkinshaw and Bob Paisley. Mr Burkinshaw and Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager, have squeezed in a rearranged game on the Monday.

Tottenham could find themselves deprived of Hoddle, Clemence, Archibald and Ardles on a night that might decide the championship. The physical demands being lighter on a goalkeeper, Clemence could conceivably play in all these matches, If so, he might just as well go to bed with his boots on.

This is proving to be one of the most hectic seasons in the busy career of the 34-year-old Clemence. Coming to Tottenham in what many considered to be the twilight of his career, he has walked into more of a challenge for which even he had bargained for.

On Wednesday he found with success, particularly so if you happen to be English. It is otherwise known as fixture

congestion.

Their 3-2 overall victory against Eintracht in the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup has added at least two more matches to the season's midweek programme and possible three programme and possible three. When most of their fellow English professionals will be runmaging through the wardrobe for their swimming trunks

robe for their swimming trunks come May 17 at the season's end, Tottenham will still have at least five more league matches and possibly two cup finals, FA and Cup Winners'.

Just to make life slightly more trying for Keith Burkinshaw, the manager, he has remembered that he promised Ron Greenwood, Jock Stein and Cesar Luis Menotti, the managers of England, Scotland and Argentina respectively, that his internationals would be available to

the game. It was then that the battered boys in white came and won their game like men with a well considered shot by Hoddle in the seventy-minth minute.

The evening must have been tinged at the edges with sadness for Clemence's colleagues of 14 years standing at Liverpool. They were the victims of some allegedly notorious decisions by the Austrian referee. were the victims of allegedly notorious decisions by the Austrian referee, Mr Woehrer, in their European Cup quarter-final with CSKA Sofia.

Among them were the dismissal of Lawrenson and the denial of a shot which Liverpool claimed clearly crossed the line. This view was shared by Mike England, the Welsh team manager, who had a perfect view of the incident. To make matters worse after their trek to Sofia, Liverpool said that they had lost money on the tie which attracted less than 30,000 at Anfield.

FC Porto are also protesting—though I feel rather weakly about the refereeing of Mr McGinlay, of Scotland, who they claimed failed to give permission for a Standard Liege player in return to the field in their Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final.

Hard men

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Bookmaker backs a club with new hope

attend.

Kettering Town, the most One new director has guaranteed notable of a growing number of the players' wages until the end non-League clubs to run into of the season and future fund-financial difficulties have raised raising activities include a the players' wages until the end of the season and future fundraising activities include a "sportsmen's evening" which Brian Clough has agreed to more than £7,000 of the £10,000 they need before the end of next Another club in trouble, Hendon, have resolved most of their money problems by dismissing their manager, Ken Payne, and his assistant, Alan Fursdon, and releasing five players. Mr Payne was sacked because he had exceeded his budget and failed to make sufficient authorite in the

they need before the end of next week in order to survive.

The Alliance Premier League club, whose telephone has been cut off for several weeks because of an unpaid £500 bill, have debts totalling £100,000 and need to raise £35,000 by the summer. The public have rallied to the club's appeal for help, however, and Maurice Marston, the secretary, has been heartened by the response.

response.
"It has been magnificent," he said. "We still have a long way to said. "We still have a long way to go, but we look as though we shall earn a breathing space". Donations have included a local bookmaker's offer of two free for head of the local £50 beis on next month's Grand

650 bets on next month a channel National.

One of the latest clubs to run into trouble are Lancaster City, of the Northern Premier League.

Their dobts total £30,000 and they are losing more than £200 a week. At least £10,000 is needed before the end of the seson if the

before the end of the seson if the club are to survive.

The entire board of directors resigned last week to bring the gravity of the situation home to their supporters, nearly 200 of whom attended an emergency public meeting on Tuesday night.

the Northern League club to the second round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history. Alliance Premier Laggue

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Hendon were also unhappy with Mr Payne's choice of players to be released. Deadman,

control.

| Briza Williams, has been dis-missed as manager of Penrith, just three months after taking

hard truth Brighton are about to pay the penalty for their strong approach to the game. Not only is their captain, Steve Foster, ruled out of tomorrow's game at Stoke because of a one-match ban, but he could be joined by his teammates, Sammy Nelson and Jimmy Case.

These two appear before an FA

These two appear before an FA disciplinary commission in London today for reaching 20 points. Referees have been clamping down on Brighton's physical style. The club have collected 43 cautions in 35 matches this The Lincoln midfield player

George Shipley and Doncaster's former England full back Terry Cooper have been suspended for two games after being sent off at Lincoln last week. Their dismissal came under the heading of sielest after the sent of the sent players to be released. Deadman, who was quickly signed by Dagenham, and Anderson, whom they are trying to entice back, were two of the club's longest-serving players.

Dave Mawson, manager of the 1sthmian League club's successful youth side, is now in temporary charge of the first team and officials say they have their financial problems under control. riolent play, so Shipley misses the trip to Exeter next week and the bome game against Southend.

Copper misses the game at Huddersfield and the home fixture against Gillingham.
Billy Russell, of Doncaster, who was sent off in the same game, picked up just a one-match ban because he was sent off for services and the same game. pan occause he was sent off for persistent misconduct after collecting two caudons. Phil Sproson, of Port Vale, was suspended for one game by for one game by an FA disciplinary commission meeting in Birmingham for reaching 20

points. He sits out tomorrow's game at Hull. The Welsh FA suspended the Newport defender Keith Oakes for one match and warned him as 51 reached 20 points. He is free to 50 play in tomorrow's game at 42 Carlisle but misses the home 43 game against Walsall next week. game against Walsall next week.
Stan Bowles, the former
England player, has been banged
one match for totalling 30
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Brentford's away match with
Burnley. Les Briley, the Aldershot midfield man, misses the
match at Aldershot for the same

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NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bass Cub, main, second leg: Burton 2, Gams-borough 2 (set 2-2, Gamsborough won 5-3 on penahea.) Rugby Union

CLIS MATCHES: Bedford 13, Coventry 25, Bridgend 84, Penarth 0; Cheltenham 3, London Intch 21, Cross Keys 6, Tradeger 3, Lisnaili 18, Glernorgan Wanderers 9 SCHOOLS MATCHES: St Aloysus College 18, Letter Academy 14; Shring High School 58, Graeme High School 0.

CHALLENGE CUP: Third round replay. Widnes 10, Bradford Northern 7 First division; Castleford 7, Hull 25, Hull KR 18, Wigar 10; Welvefield 18, Futhar 13; Whichtaven v Leiph pactioned. Scsond division Hunslet 27, Doncaster 10; Rochdet 7, Workington 5; Sention 9, Huddersfield 12.

Rugby League

Williams in front with 207 break

BILLIARDS '

By Sydney Friskin Rex Williams, of Stourbridge, made a break of 207, the highest

so far in the tournament, in his attempt to regain the world professional billiards championprofessional billiards championship at Sunton Coldfield yesterday. He made it against Mark,
Wildman, of Peterborough, in the
two-day final which ends today.

At the end of the first period
of play, Williams led by 685
points to 362 with an unfinished
break of 67, his break of 207 was
made on his ninth visit to the
table with an assortment of
cannons and in—offs and an
occasional pot red. It was helped
along with the gentle touch and
the controlled screw shot, and
was a little different in character
to the later break of 114
scelerated by the familiar potred-and-cannon sequence at the

red-and-cannon sequence at the top of the table.

Up to the time Williams made the break of 207, Wildman was in front. The match started with Williams breaking off and leaving the red in baulk. Wildman, on his first with inc red in baulk. Wildman, on his first visit, plalyed a superb cannon off the top cushiou and went on to make a break of 75. A later break of 76 helped him to reduce some of the leeway, but by the time the interval arrived Williams was scoring more. Villiams was scoring more

fluently.
Wildman himself had shown his fighting qualities with a break of 203 in his semi-final match or 203 in his Semi-India match against Ray Edmunds. SEMI-FINAL ROUND: R. Williams (Stourhridge) beat F. Davis (Chesterfield) 1,500-1,49t; M. Wildman (Peterborough) beat Grinsby) 1,500-765. FINAL Williams Leeds Wildman 885-362. (Rest breaks: Williams 83, 207, 86, 114; Wildman 75,53,76).

BOWLS

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Scotland's win poses problems

A massive 85-shot victory by Scotland over Ireland set prob-lems for both England and Wales in the women's indoor inter-national series at Hartlepool yesterday. Wales then had to defeat England in the closing match of the round robin series to retain the title they have won for the past tow year. England, however, still had a slim chance of winning the championship. of winning the championship, providing they beat Wales by 446 shots - an almost impossible

Williams returns :

The national hill climbing cycling champion, left Williams, has resolved his differences with Britain's director of racing, Jim Hendry, and is in the team for the Sealink international, which which sealink international, which starts in Ostend on April 19. Williams opted out of the Milk Race last year and was then banned from riding. Bob Downs leads the squad, which also includes Malcolm Elliott, Steve Lawrence; Steve Joughin and Joe Waugh.

GOLF Nicklaus puts new course into perspective with acid touch

From John Ballantine, Jacksonville, Florida, March 18

Some discrimination about the apparent hazards of a new golf course must be exercised when assessing the ability or otherwise of modern doltar and fame-hungry professionals to play the strokes necessary to bring it to its knees.

The 6,857-yards Tournament Players course, designed by Peter Dye, on which 147 of the world's best players began their £272,000 championship here today, has been variously described by local critics as: "Dante's Inferno," "Hell's Kitchen," "The Monster of Ponte Vedra," and other enough looking spot on Florida's warm Atlantic coast just south of Today's conditions, at this notoriously windy place, were unusually calm, but judging from

Cambridge have better links with past....

By Nicholas Keith Cambridge must be warm favourites to beat Oxford in the

ninty-third university golf match, which begins at Huntstauton this which begins at Hintistation this morning. The Light Blues have a commanding lead in the seies, having won 51 times against Oxford's 36, with five halved. Confidence in Cambridge is based on their team's experience and record. David Warden, their captain, has been able to pick six-Blues - five of last years victorious side (Randall, Froggatt, Malville, Leigh and himself) plus

Steve Thomas, the Oxford captain who was involved in a thrilling singles with Leigh over the Formby links last year, has only two other old Blues at his disposal - Butler and Morris. Oxford's results against clubs "have not been good," Thomas admitted.

Both camps have been practis-ing hard at Hunstanton this week and Cambridge are well aware that anything can happen on a

that anything can happen on a links.

Today's toresemes (Cambride names that):

M Frogger (Beflast Institute and Clare) and R J H Randal (Mittleld and St John's) v C Ranavy (RGS Newcaste and Wardnen) and D Livesey (Arnold and St Edmund): A G Edmond (Hymer's Colloge and Timby) and G Edmond (Hymer's Colloge and Timby) and G S Mathile (Barrow GS and Merico, cant.) and J G Clork (Newcaste-under-Lyme HS and St Edmund Hall): D J Warden (Loughborough and Fizwitism, capt.) and S C K Tungden (Mark Putherford and Selvyri) v A A Barratt-Groene Otalvern and St Edmund Hall) and K R Morris (Aylesbury GS and Mathe): M R Puddy (Brhenheed and Magdelene) and R M Ticket (Sollhall and St John sì v A C Hodson (Callord and St Peter's) and S D K Wildy (Street and Belliol); J. C. Leigh Bolton and Cambrid and M H Rogan (Liverpool Blue Coal School and Downint) v-M R Butter (Bableke and St Edmund Holl) and I M Lowis (Christ's, Bercon and Jesus).

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(Wolverhampton GS and St John 3) and B G F

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H Platt (Warwick and Worcesler) and R P

Campbell (Fatinguith and Pembroke). Singles:

Watson loat to Campbell, 2—1; Finlay best

Platt, 2 up.

Anglo-Irish cause lost to the course jester

By John Rennessy, Golf Correspondent

Bayman and Maureen Madill, witners two years ago. The Rawlings sisters from Wales were third on 308. The measure of the winners' excellence is that never before, since the tournament was inaugurated in 1966, has a score of less than 300 been recorded.

Mrs Uzielli, competing for the lifearth time waved her full of less than 300 been recorded.

Mrs Uzielli, competing for the fifteenth time, played her full part, but she readily conceded that the petite Miss Aitken "made it all possible". The young Scot did, indeed, particularly play some superb pitch shots that left her partner a series of 10 to 12 footers. Only one went in, but Mrs Uzielli, from whatever distance, consistently left her partner with nothing more than a formal 'tap-in. There was only one exception, at the second, where three putts gave their opponents renewed heart after a grisly opening seven.

Mrs Bayman had thunder on her brow and, one would suspect, revenge in her heart as she sloutched on to the second tee. She had charged the first putt a long way past and missed an inviting third.

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After a four at the short tenth, Miss Madill described their golf as "like something out of Tom and Jerry". She then popped a

The Anglo-Scottish combination of Wilma Airkin, a painkiller into her mouth to pacify and aching wisdom tooth the Curtis Cup training team, and Angela Uzielli, Berkshire women's golf champion as though by right these days, won the Avia Watches foursomes tournament at the Berkshire thub yesterday.

With two final rounds of 75 over the Red course and 73 over the Red course and 73 over the Blue, they finished with 298, four strokes ahead of the Anglo-Irish partnership of Linda Bayman and Maureen Madill, winners two years ago. The winners two years ago. The mouth to pacify and aching wisdom tooth and stepped on to the 11th green to hole from all of 15 yards. Whether she was now under the sway of Tom and Jerry was not certain, but the evil influence struck again at the 14th. Mrs Bayman missed another 2ft putt for a six.

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They suffered an ever more telling seven at the eighth, since it surrendered three strokes to par. Mrs Bayman's bunker shot sailed over the green and into the trees and Miss Madill, completely stymiedd by a fir, could not bumble the ball clear.

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penalty drop. rules, he was allowed a margin of two club lengths. He was still blocked by the ant hill, which stood 15-feet high and a sturdy 40 foot in diameter. The best he could do

Barnes did not realise his error until three holes later when one of his playing partners, Peter Cowen, from Yorkshire, took a

shire, and Tony Charnley, from

has been played on the Shrop-shire course since it was opened seven years ago.

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

Silver Buck won the Gold Cup at Cheltenham yesterday by heating his stable companion Bregawn by two lengths. That hare result represented a magnificent feat by their trainer Michael Dickinson.

The Harewood trainer was following in the forestent of

following in the footsteps of Peter Easterby who also saddled the first two home in the Cup last

the first two home in the Cup last year.

As far as Dickinson is concerned his is very much a family affair with father and mother, Tony and Monica, chipping in and pulling their weight. That they make a formidable ream is born out by the fact that Silver Buck's victory yesterday took the stable's earnings this season past £259,000, already beating the previous record set by Easterby last season.

last season. Their skull is well illustrated by the performances of their horses at Cheltenham this week. They brought just four South from their Yorkshire base and they returned home last night with three races in the bag and one second prize. And that second wise was not to be suiffed at prize was not to be sniffed at either. The other remarkable aspect

about the performances of the Dickinson team this week is that they were all ridden by different men. Robert Earnshaw was on Silver Buck; Kevin Whyte on Rathgorman; Dermot Browne on Political Pop and Graham Brad-

Political Pop and Granam Brad-ley on Bregawn did not heat Silver Buck was no fault of Bradley who rode an inspired race. I cannot recall a trainer prepared to put his trust in so many at this level. If Dickinson's skill in nursing Silver Buck back to full health and fitness has been one of the nmost outstand-ing features of the season so then has the emergence of Earnshaw as a top-class rider.

Silver Buck was lame and confined to his box for a month after Christmas, having trodden on something so sharp, nobody seems to know whether it was a flint or a nail, that it even damaged his pedal bone. However, his homework in recent weeks encouraged Dickinson to hach an extent that he felt deep down that he had a great chance down that he had a great chance of winning a gold medal.

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What yesterday's result did
was blow to smithercens the
theory, held by myself for one,
that Silver Buck did not stay a that Silver Buck did not stay a yard beyond three miles. That appeared to be the case 12 months earlier when Silver Buck looked like winning this race two fences from home only to be run out of it up the hill. However, what Dickinson kept secret was the fact that Silver Buck broke a blood vessel when he finished third in the Gold Cup last year. That explains why he stopped to nothing behind Little Owl ans Night Nurse.

tary-style overcoat and trilby hat for the past three days, has been America's champion steeplechase jockey, John Cushman. Virtually the minute he arrived

Cushman, who files back to South Carolina today after a three-week working holiday over here with his attractive wife Soudy to dead ranger for Shirley

McLaine), was taken out by Bob Champion, with whom he has. been staying, and made to buy the de rigeur racing garb. He certainly looked the part even if

he did not sound it. Cushman, aged 26, who has been the United States champion

for the past two seasons, has been riding out for Fred Winter and picked up the ride on Aughra Boura for Puddy Prendergast in the Sun Alliance Hurdle on the

opening day.
The American season runs

from April to November and the ground is invariably rock-solid. Their horses are bred for speed and go flat out all the way, so

and go riat out an the way, so Cushman was naturally a little bemused by the brown bog that passes for a race track and the fact that horses come off the bridle so party.

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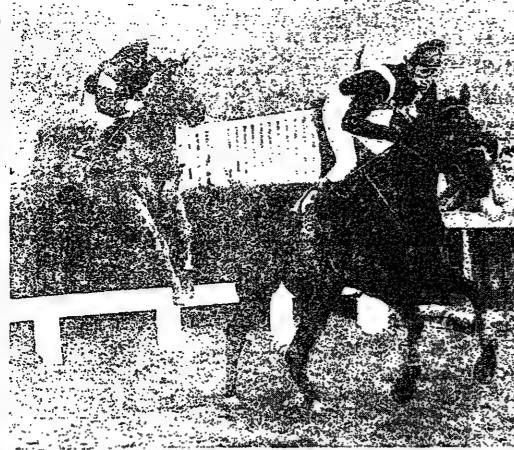
Jump racing in the States is not so much a poor relation of the Flat us a dead one. This is allowed at the courses. Even so with 27 winners from approximately 100 rides (they have only one meeting a week) last year he won \$250,000 in prize money.

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handsome fees for riding work every day as well as a healthy income from the saddlery busi-ness that he and his wife run,

means that he is not exactly-short of a dime or two. Cushman intends to return for a longer visit next year. Would he



Heading for gold; Silver Buck and Robert Earnshaw leads stable companion Bregawn

last it out, having won a threemile hurdle race on him when he
was a jockey.

Dickinson admitted that he had
misgivings when Earnshaw
showed his hand and let Silver
Buck stride to the front with two
fences left but he need not have
worried on that score. Only a
sketchy jump at the last fence
looked like foiling his dreams.
But Earnshaw sat tight and all
was well in the end.

yesterday. Night Nurse was
pulled up. His rider, John
O'Neill, said that the tacky
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Little Bregawn — ran the race of his life to finish second. He was followed home by Sunset Cristo. Diamond Edge, Captain John, Grittar, Venture To Cognac. Royal Bond, Tied Cottage, Two Swallows, Lesley Ann, Sugarlly and Peaty Sandy, in that order. All the others were pulled up, with the exception of barthersparer who fall five

the fact that Silver Buck broke a blood vessel when he finished third in the Gold Cup last year. That explains why he stopped to nothing behind Little Owl ans Night Nurse.

This time, though, there was no holding him. Afterwards, a justifiably, elated trainer simply said that all along he was convinced that Silver Buck would and were the flops

By John Karter, Racing Editor

Looking every inch the English country gentleman, strolling old. And anyway your guys are around Cheltenham in his militation professional for me."

would have won if he had stayed sound — "Belasus youse studied divil, he'd have won at least ten."

As you listen to that magician of the microphone, Poter O'Sullevan, reeling off horses' nameslike a tape recording you could be forgiven for thinking that it all comes so easily to-him. Just one glance at the harrassed-looking figure, hunched over a dock

in the corner of the press room each night, soon dispels that notion. O'Sullevan works till

shout 8 o'clock every eveing,

riders' colours and swotting them up for the next day's meeting. He is usually the last to leave the

percentage or the colours auto-matically. It is not quite as simple as that, though. He has to start from scratch with each race becasue although the colours may be familiar he has to associate them with that owner's particular horse in that race. O'Sullevan, an amazinate the

particular horse in that race.

O'Sullevan, an amazinely shy, self-effacing man, totally contrary to the image his broadcasting voice projects, still gets so knotted up before hig races that he feels physically ill. "It's getting a little getter nowadays," he says. Looking at his worried face, you would never believe it.

the colossal hopes pinned on him by the huge Irish contingent.

By finishing sixth Grittar did not run the sort of race that encouraged many to think that encouraged many to think that Sparian Missile might win the Grand National a year ago, but at least he got round and he plugged on dourly. And who knows that might be enough to win this year's National.

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A surprise of the meeting was the fact that 18 different riders won the races. O'Neill was awarded the Ritz Club Trophy which goes to the leading rider because he was the only lockey to ride a winner and a second.

O'Neill was back to his brilliant best on Path of Peace in the County Handicap Hurdle. The finish of this race was the best of the meeting with Path of Peace just scraping home a fraction in front of Prince of Bermuda, Knighthood, The Tsarevich and Staplestown.

Or the tubby little Irish priest running along after the long-striding Michael Dickinson, gasping: "Do you fancey it, Michael?" (referring to Rathgorman). Dickinson, replies: "No chance in the ground." The priest pauses, reflects for a while, mutters: "that's what he said yesterday about Political

Pop." and rushes off to pile on God's money. Talking of our Gaelic visitors,

t seems that despite reports of all night card schools with £10,000 kittles in local hotels, they have not been adopting their usual head down approach to betting. Several of the big

of the devaluation of the Irish punt. The biggest reported bet, in terms of takeout, seems to have been the £22,000 to £4,000, laid to the daddy of all Irish gamblers, J. P. McManus, over Mister Donovan. Incidentally, informed sources say that McManus won nothing like the £250,000 in all on that same house as was reported.

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is the papers, nearer £75,000, it is believed.

Yiddish" retorted Crump, sweep-

Cushman doing Cheltenham in style

course.
You would think that having done the job for so many years he would recognise a large percentage of the colours auto-

At the end of the day Dramatist gave Fulke Walwyn and Bill Smith a little consolation for not winning the Gold Cup with Diamond Edge, by landing

13 The Yorkshire trainer Mick If the Yorkshire trainer Mick Easterby has signed 31-year-old John Murray to replace fellow Australian Terry Lucas as his stable jockey. Murray, who made his name in South Australia, rode eight winners in freland during a brief stay in 1974,

Murray is at present in Malaysia, where he has been riding for the last five years, but leaves for England next week to take up his new job.

Stewards will inspect Chepstow at 10 am this morning to determine prospects for tomorrow's meeting. The clerk of the course, John Hughes said "There is waterlogging in certain parts of the track and the probability of further rain. Unless there is prolonged drying weather, prospects cannot be too favourable". Today's meetings at Lingfield Park and Warwick were cancelled because of waterlogging. At because of waterlogging. At Lingfield the four hurdle races from today's card will be carried forward to make a seven-race hurdles programme tomorow.

Neville Crump: faced a

Gestapo-like interrogation

Coolishall cleared

Coolishall has been given the Aintree all-clear. The ink-smudge

owner-trainer Broderick Munro-Wilson said, "He's back in contention for Aintree, and Ron Barry rides."

STATE OF GOING (official): Fakenham:
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to 66-1 triumph

By Michael Seely

Not for the first time, stamina proved a decisive factor in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham yesterday, Racing to the final flight Jim Wilson and Cima looked almost unbeatable, so smoothly were the pair travelling. But on the stiff uphill climb to the winning post, the race developedinto a war of attrition. Cima's finishing speed was blunted and, staying on strongly in the hands of Allen Webb, the 66-1 chance Shiny Copper won by two lengths, with General Breytax three quarters of a length away, third.

Royal Vulcau, the favourite, who had been given plenty of ground to make up bu Jehn Francome, finished strongly to take fourth place. "They won't beat me at Liverpool," said the champion jockey afterwards, perhaps, tacitly admitting that in his life he had ridden an ill-judged race.

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However, mothing can detract
from this amazing feat of
training by Mrs Nadine Smith,
who operates from Eastergate
near Footwell. Amazingly, eight
of Mrs Smith's twelve successes
this season have been gained on
the figure-of-eight Sussex track.
Yesterday she saddled four
runners in jthe race. At the
second hurdle from home Janus
looked the most likely of her
quartet to succeed, but eventually he was the only one of her
raiders not to finish in the first
nine.

Smith: provided
winner.

defeat by Grittar in this race last
year. However, in an exciting
battle up the hill, the redoubtable
Bryd Munro-Wilson forced The
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for a norrow win. Tony Fowler,
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Shiny Copper has only run one bad race this siason when finishing last behind Morice and Royal Vulcan in the Tote. Placepot Hurdle at Kempton. "He was never jumping or going at all well that afternoon," said Mrs Smith. So I suppose you could say that he was the least-fancied of my runners."

Shiny Copper was originally trained by Martin Blackshaw, for whom he won a race over hurdles in France as a three-year-old.
The four-year-old must now be regarded as a cheap purchase as the trainer paid only 2,800 guineas for him at the Ascot

After Bregawn's magnificent run behind his stable companion, Silver Buck in the Cheitenham Gold Cup it was surprising to find his recent Haydock Park conqueror, Scot Lane, starting at the generous price of 15-2 in the Fitz Club Naional Hunt Handicap

Chase.

Lasobary was preferred to Scot Lane in the market, but the 6-1 favourite spoiled his chances with a couple of vital mistakes at a crucial stage of the race. At the last jump it looked like being a close run thing between Scot Lane and Sea Captain and so indeed it proved. Staying on just the stronger Scot Lane eventually prevailed by half a length with Greasepaint five lengths away third.

Martin Tate has now saddled the nine-year-old to win three races in succession with the gelding's owner-breeder, lisherwood. Scot Lane's next objective will be the Whitbread Gold Cap at Sandown.

The Christies Foxhunter Steeple, chase Challenge Cup resulted in another desperate finish. At the last fence, of this, marathon contest, it looled long odds on Hopolurable Man gaining henourable revenge for his



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Saturday when he sustained a
bruised shoulder on Cooch
Behar.

And with hindsight Mr Fowler
may have been prevented from

may have been prevented from exercising his full strength in that dramatic climax. However, that dramatic climax. However, nothing can detract from Mutro-Wilson's feat in winning one of the two most coveted trophies for amateur riders, on his own horse. After posing for his photograph, the merchant banker, an SAS Territorial said magnanimously, "Big Ron Barry will still have the mount on The Drunken Duck at Aintree".

Three To One in good form

Last season's Grand National fourth, Three To One, tuned up for this year's race with a facile 15-length victory in the Choller-ford Handicap Steeplechace yesterday, at Hexham yesterday.
Ridley Lamb made all the running on the 11-year-old, who, jumping superbly, drew steadily clear from two out to score from Border Brig. The Hawick trainer Ken Oliver will now be doubly represented at Aintree. Lamb again rides Three To One, while Goordie, Dun teams up with Rambling Jack
The Bishop Auckland-based Arthur Stephenson, leading trainer at Hexham, was on the mark again with Dusty Duke, the favourite in the Oakwood Handicap Steeplechase.
Those who took odds of 6-4 on

Cheltenham results

pytax ch- 9, by Sweet -Perbury (J Gitto) 11-00 G - McCourt (100-1) 3 22 Sandalay, 25 Val Chamber, 33 Dr Street, Weswara Pount, 40 Prece Bless, 50 Violity Wombel, Corristment, 100 Adam Craig, Bean Boy, Cornish Grantis, Great Light, Jade and Dargond, Music Cay, Nully Slack, Supper's Hearly, Sweecy (pul, Sympolique Crairen, NRC Cay Link Star?
TOTE Win: £135.67 Places: £8.35, 299, £2.11, Dual Forecast £96.12 C S.F. £55.67.
Mrs N Smith at Chichester 21, 41.

1.50 (2.53)CHRESTES FOXHURTER CHAL-

THE DRINKEN DUCK b g by Pony Express—Pony Buckle (B Murro-Witcon) 9-12-0 Mr B Murro-Witcon) 1-12-0 Mr B Murro-Witcon (13-11) Horeographie Mare b g by Mercus Britis—Proodland Marken (Mrs P Bussel 9-12-0 Mr A Freder (3-4 bar) Mellors br g by Precipice Wood—Lady C (Mrs A Visus) 9-12-0 Mrs L Gibbon (14-1) 3

Also Part 4 Colonel Heather fur t 13-2 Bancing Brig (4th); 12 Annagnas Princess (7: 20 Petre Mandy, Sun Lion; 25 Sparkford (p.u.); 33 First Schedule (p.u.), Wisner Chic, 40 Meet in the Casbah, 50 Gayle Warning, Cay Tab, Hunter's Outde (p.u.), My Squire (1), Old Been (p.u.), Beet Boy (p.u.), Valarien (p.u.), 19 ran MR: Genmerty Jane.

TOTE: Win 80p. Places: 18p, 13p, 42p. Dual F. E1.23, CSF E3.72. B. Manno-Wisson at

3.30 (3.34)TOTE CHELTENHAN GOLD CU CHASE (E48,386: 31-m) SILVER SUCK by g by Saver Chut—Choice Archiess (Ars G Feather) 10-12-0 R Earnchaw (8-1) Bregamn ch g by Sant Derys—Mcca Society (M Kremely) 8-12-0 G. Bradov (18-1) Sensot Citals b g by Dorek H.-. Rambier (Miss C. Hamkey 8-1 Grant (100-1) 3 Also Ren: 11-4 few Night Murse (p. c.); 4
Royel Bord: 6 Verhare To Cognec; 10 Lesley
Ame; 11 Diamond Edge (4th); 16 Gritter; 25
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Total win, 70p; places, 19p, 47p, 23p, 47p Dani F: £21.72. CSF: £13.15. Tricust £113.60. M Tabe at Kiddenwinster. Ki., 15s.

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Silver Buck a tribute to Dickinsons | Shiny Copper springs | Nice day for Irish on the promenade

in the race's vital final stage the afternoon. Instead, one very determined Irishman, Sean Kelly, has succeeded another, Stephen Roche, as the winner of the cycling season's opening classic. The 25-vear-old from Carrick-on-Suir snatched victory in the most emphatic manner possible. Not only did he win this morning's 38-mile road race stage from Mandelieu, he also dominated this afternoon's 6.7-mile time trial up the Grand

dominated this afternoon's 6.7-mile time trial up the Grand Corniche road to the Col d'Eze, 1,700ft above Nice.

Duclos-Lassalle could finish only fifth in the hill climb, losing 44 seconds to Kelly in the process. By starting three minutes after Kwlly, the Frenchman knew exactly by what margin he was ahead or behin the Irishman.

To counter this advantage. Kelly had team helpers stationed at three points up the one-in-ten climb. "By half-way, I knew I was leading." said Kelly. "And from that point on, I gave it everything I had."

everything I had."

This extra effort was enough for Kelly to beat not only his French rival, but also the recognized hill climbing experts, such as the second placed rider. Alberto Fernandez, of Spain, It is Kelly's most important victory since turning professional five years ago. In stage racing, his best previous results have been fourth in the Tour of Spain and first in the La Panne three-day in Belgium, both in 1980. But he has been regarded as a pure road sprinter until

as a pure road sprinter until

From John Wilcockson Nice,
March 18

The French sporting public were fully expecting one of their heroes, Gilbert Duclos-Lassalle, to preserve his country's honour and his leadership of Paris-Nice in the race's vital final stage the afternoon. Instead, one very determined Irishman. Sean Kelly, has succeeded another, Stephen Roche, as the winner of the cycling season's opening classic:

The 25-vear-old from Carrick-on-Suir snatched victory in the ade des Anglais six minutes ahead of the main group.

ahead of the main group.

To prepare for this afternoon's race against the clock, Kelly warmed up for 40 minutes, riding to the top of the climb, and deciding which gears he would use at which point. In the race itself, he rode smoothly, choosing a streamlined position where most of his rivals were forced out of the saddle by the steep gradient.

This win opens new horizons for Kelly, who must start this Saturday's Milan-San Remo classic as a clear favourite, "Bur'l have made a lot of effort in the past two days," Kelly said "and one day of rest may not be enough."

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today. The Peugeot team launched an

ROUND-UP TO THE ROUND-UP

Yachting

John Loveday and his crew-man, Jonathan Ward, have been sponsored in their quest for 1984 sponsored in their quest for 1994
Olympic selection in the Flying
Dutchman class. Dr Loveday,
from Chesterfield, and Ward
from Sheffield have been given
three years' sponsorship by the
high street confectioners, J. W.
Thornton Ltd, of Belper, Derbyshire

shire.
The FD class is always one of The FD class is always one of the most competitive and while Thornton have not announced the sum involved, which is paid through the Royal Yachting Association to protect the yachtsmen's amaleur status, the initial outlay has provided a new boat which the crew are adapting to the their adventurants style. to suit their adventurous style.

Cricket

Islamabad, March 18, Seven sepior Pakistani cricketers said

senior Pakistani cricketers said today they were ready to rejoin the Test side and end the row over the team's captaincy. A statement by the opening batsman, Majid Khan, spokesman for the seven players, said they were available for selection again now that the captain, Jayed Miandad, had announced he would not be available to lead the team in England later this year.

The statement said the seven players, Majid, Imran Khan; Zaheer Abbas, Sarfraz, Nawaz, Mudassar Nazar, Sikandar Bakht and Wasim Bari, appreciated Miandad's decision to resign from the captaincy of the team: "The cricket board hus asked us about our availability in view of Miandad's decision and we have informed them that we are available for Pakistan." the statement said.—Reuter

Skiing

Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, March 18.—The elite of the world's slalom skiing apecialists world's slalom skiing specialists will get together here tomorrow and on Saturday for the end-of-season World Cup giant and special slaloms. With only two meetings to go — at San Sicario, Italy, and Montgenevre, France, next week — results here could be decisive

The outcome of yesterday's giant slalom at Bad Kleinkirch-heim in Austria did not change the standings but reopened the

the standings but reopened the battle in the cup series. Phil-

Mahre (United States) and Ingemar Stenmark (Sweden) are joint leaders on 100 points each, but Mahre's twin, Steve, on 60, could overtake them if he collects the victor's 25 points in the remaining giants. Phil Mahre has finished second in six giants. sialoms this season, but must win here to improve his points tally, since only each skier's five best performances are taken into account.—Agence France Presse.

WCI's cutback

Strasbourg France March 18 World Championship Tennis will cut back its tournaments by about 25 per cent next year, John McDonald, the WCT international director, said today The Dallas-Based organization is curronly running a 22-tournament circuit with total prizemoney of 57.9 million

McDonald predicts a maximum McDonald predicts a maximum of 16 tournaments in 1983, although prize money of \$300,000 for each would be maintained.

Andrea Jaeger will be unable to play in the finals of the women's winter tennis circuit at Madison Square Garden in New York from March 24-28. The american, 17 placed second in the standings after her victories at Detroit and Oakland, has a stress fracture of the left palvic bone.

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Tokyo, March 17.—China plans to build two golf courses, the first in a socialist country, with the help of a Japanese firm, it was reported here today. It is hoped that the plans, involving expenditure of \$17m, will result in courses in the suburbs of Peking and the suburbs of Shenzhen.—Agence France-Shenzhen.—Agence

Bristol delay

Bristol City have postponed the issue of film worth of shares because they say they are unable to comply with conditions laid down by the Football League. City almost collapsed because of debts last month but were saved when eight players agreed to accept redundancy payments

Floodlit final Blackheath and Sidcup meet in the final of the Courage Cup floodlit rugby competition on Tuesday, five days before their encounter in the Kent Cup final on March 28. The floodlit final, at Gravesend, has been twice postponed because of bad weather and the rail strike.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Football ground may stage Hull's big day

By Keith Macklin

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At least two, and possibly three, football grounds will stage matches during the tour by Australia in October and November. The Kangaroos will play a 15-match programme over seven weeks, beginning on October 10 with Hull Kingston Rovers. On October 24 they will play Wales at Ninian Park, Cardiff, and on November 21 will meet Fulham at Craven Cottage.

The possibility of a third football ground being used is an intriguing one. At the moment preliminary soundings are being made between Hull and Hull City for the possible joint use of Boothferry Park. In the irinerary for the Australian tour, released yesterday, two matches are listed for Hull, an international match on October 30 and a game against the Hull club on November 17. Although these have been pencilled in for Hull's Boulevard Ground, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that by the time the Kangaroos arrive agreement will have been reached for the use of Boothferry Park.

The Australians have opted for a busy start to the tour, which will include three internationals, the other two being at Wigan and Headingley. They have asked for four fixtures in the first week, and six games before the first international at Hull. Every member of the touring party will no doubt be used between October 10 and October 17 in the matches against Hull KR, Wigan, Barrow and St Helens.

The internattional at Hull will be only the third time that Humberside has housed an Australasian tour international. Hull staged one in 1921 and Hull Kingston Rovers in 1929. With the current boom in attendances in Humberside the decision was inevitable.

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ROWING

Oxford guided into a

Oxford elected to row a medium to long haul late yesterday afternoon from the University Stone to Chiswick Steps "paced" by a national eight and their reserves, Isis.

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Youge who was away interview.

elected to row on the Surrey station with the tide still turning The lead interchanged a few The lead interchanged a few feet either way in the first two minutes before Oxford moved out to lead by a third of a length. By the time the crews converged, the national eight had a good length and a half in hand and not only shut the door on their opponents rowing for a while line astern, but also accusally took the

achieved by Oxford in the 1976
Boat Race.
Today's outlings: Oxford 10.0
and 3.30, Cambridge 11 and 5.30.

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3.45 DOWNHAM MARKET HURDLE (handicap: £1,080: 2m 120yds) CRAFTY LOOK (G Paul) J Scallan 7-11-5 J Bartow
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3 15 SWAFFHAM CHASE (Handicap: £1,287: 2m 5/ 150yds) (8)

It goes without saying that
Cheltenham without the Irish is
like a pub without alcohol. It's
like a pub without alcohol. It's
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situation was when Neville
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coming to blows in an argument Yiddish" retorted Crump over how many Gold Cups Arkle ing imperiously through.

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4-6 Ra Tapu, 7-2 Spikey Bill, 6 Mec's Delight, 12 Syncopele, 14 Contrad, 20 others. 15 FAKENHAM HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,066: 2m 55yds) RAMBLIX (C) (P Lodger) P Lodger 10-12-4 Mr T Head 7
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As at many of our big on the vaccination record that meetings, some of the overrealous gatemen at the Festival have been upsetting not a few now been deciphered to the people with their Gestapo-like Jockey Club's satisfaction. His interrogating. One of the brighter incidents to arise out of such a situation was when Neville Contention for Aintree. and Rou

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Fakenham selections

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: 1,000 Guingas

GREEN MEMELEK & Or Monclek—Lady Hansol (W Lockey) 5-11-13 D Wilkinson

lonely vacuum By Jim Railton

They did so with a substitute, Stewart from Isis standing in for

The national eight consisted of their present coxed and toxless fours fused together for the exercise, with five established internationals on board. Oxford

opponents rowing for a while line astern, but also actually took the Surrey station.

The squad peeled off at Hammersmith Bridge almost twe lengths up. Isis were supposed to nurse their big brothers along, but instead elected to scurry away leaving Oxford in a lonely vacuum. Oxford reached Chiswick Steps in a shade over 13 minutes, some two minutes 44 seconds down on the recordachieved by Oxford in the 1976 Boat Race.

Today's outings: Oxford 10.0



The gentleman in Boza is not trying to get out

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Cornelius Boza-Edwards was hack in the gym in Highgate vesterday after an early night on Wednesday when the European junior lightweight champion, Carlos Hernandez, of Spain, handed him the title on a plate. The Spaniard nurned his back on him and the Albert Hall crowd and walked out in the fourth round.

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round.

Boza-Edwards is preparing to box on Las Vagas on April 24 either on the Rolando Navarette—Rafael Limon championship bill or against Navarette himself if Limon changes the date, as he has done on nine other occ-

mas done on mine other occ-asions.

"We'll be practising getting under those right hands Hernan-dez was catching him with last night" George Francis, his trainer, said yesterday. "Also I want Boza to stop being the gentleman in the ring. It is dangerous. I had to him a touch of the Covent Garden language for holding back after the referee had allowed the Spaniard to rest after that low blow and told him to box on.

had allowed the Spaniard to rest to box on.

"I told Boza, "You are not an amateur now. You are a tough professional and you must stop that. I don't like him to touch gloves either after every round. A man can hit him and say he did not hear the beil. What can you do when the damage is done?"

Mr Francis wants Boza-Edwards to be mean; I think the gentleman in the Harrow boxer will always have the last word.

As Boza-Edwards had promised, he did not get involved in a fist-whirling match with the Spaniard and as a result Hernandez found his southpaw stance so awkward that he quit in frustration. He said so through an interpreter in his dressing-room afterwards.

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Boza-Edwards is going to stick to this policy if he meets.

Navarette, who is roughly the same build as the Spaniard.

I was shocked to hear that the wife of another boxing gentle-

VOLLEYBALL

Pincott the

make point

It is international weekend for England and Scotland. England's

men go north for senior and junior internationals at Grange-mouth to rose and Irvine on

Sunday. !: Scottish women visit the lands for matches at Noting! tomorrow and Lei-cester. unday. The Englishmen seek to end a

The Engishmen seek to end a run of 11 years without a victory in Scotland. But they did win both senior interpasionals at home last year, the last time they met was in the Commonwealth championships last year. Scotland won one, England the other

lose to England, as was the present coach, John Lyle.

For the English, the inter-nationals are part of the build-upl for the men's Spring Cup in Greece from April 4 to 11, where they have drawn the Netherlands

and Israel.

They have their most capped player, Nick Keeley (117 caps) back at the age of 32. Steve Pincott, a left-handed spiker, who has been playing for a Belgian club, remains one of England's most potent weapons despite injury problems.

Tomocrow's match is for the international Red Cross Trophy, presented by a former prisoners.

nonrow's match is for the international Red Cross Trophy, presented by a former prisoners of war group from Edinburgh, in recognition of the part played in camps by sport like volleyball. Sundays is for the Rockware. Glass international Trophy.

Last year, in Scotland, the senior women finished 1-1, and in their most recent meeting, in the North Sea Cup, Scotland won 3-1. The Scots have strong centre neplayers in Roma Brodie, Lyan Tennant and Fiona Sutherland (all from Telford). England bave experience in attacker Chris Hazelf, their captain, and Ann Jarvis, their most capped player with 89, both from Hillingdon.

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The veterans Ronnie Hamilton (76 caps) and Charlie Ferguson, were in the last Scottish side to lose to England, as were to the match of the caps was pranted weekly practice at the match of the caps was pranted weekly practice at the match of the caps was pranted weekly practice at the match of the caps was pranted weekly practice at the match of the caps weekly practice at the match of the caps weekly practice at the caps were caps when the caps weekly practice at the caps were caps when the caps weekly practice at the caps were caps when the caps were caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps were caps when the caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when the caps were caps when t

spiker can

By Paul Harrison



Sketch by Boza, brought to his knees in trius

If the future of a sport was directly related to the dedication of its adherents, British ice hockey could look forward to a succession of television contracts, sponsorships deals, gold medals and MBEs over at least the next few years.

Take, for example, the sup-porters of Nottingham Panthers. Not only do they fill the Nottingham Ice Stadium every

Nottingham Ice Stadium every Saturday night, they appear at away games in more profusion-than supporters of Notts County. Ten hired a plane to go to Kirkcaldy for a game in January; 500 have chartered a train to go to Blackpool for the team's last National League match of the season.

granted sweekly practice at Sam, he used to get up at 4.30am and cycle the five miles from his home to the rink. Two years ago, when the rink was under expensive repair, he travelled with the rest of the team to Southampton for practices at 10pm, returning home at about 1.30am.

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This year lie has three times had to pay his own way to Billingham to train with the Great Britain jumpy team. The weekend before last he covered about 1,000 miles in pursuit of games, and practice. Though his team regularly draws crowds that would make some Football Leggie clobs envious, he has never been paid for playing. He still has to buy all his own equipment. And he has no hope of ever winning the Olympic and World Championships medals that are within reach of the best and most dedicated of other

and most dedicated of other British skaters.

"It's been worth it", he says,
"just for the odd game. When the
team's playing well, when everything comes together."

The chances of everything coming together at this weekend's European Jimior Championships are remote. Rapley willprobably skate on a line with-

man, Bobby Chacon, committed suicide on theaday because he would not quit the ring. I had a long talk with Chacon at the Showboat Hotel in Las Vegas last May when he was preparing to challenge. Boza-Edwards. The soft-spoken Mexican told me then that he was going to retire if he did not win because his wife, Valerie, whom he had met in school, hared to see him come prospect for a long time

Dedicated fans and teams spur ice hockey revival

Redskin who pays to play

David Rapley: 4.30am call

Charlie McCaffrey, a right wing from Billingham, and Andy Steel, a centre who plays for Grimsby Buffaloes,

Until this season all three had played in different leagues. They did not meet until the team first

gathered two months ago. When the tournament begins, at Billingham this afternoon, they will be asked to blend their best efforts in an attempt to beat Hungary, traditionally a fast, fit, from dable term.

Though this is a C Pool tournament, exclusively for teams in the third division of international ice hockey, the British will be delighted if they finish above the only other entry,

"We're the only amateurs in the C Pool", John Rost, the British team manager has claimed. "Their players train at

least four times a week and therefore have a very big advantage on the average British player which even the Russians' coach could not change.

"Given more time and more competition the standard will improve I still believe that there

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How the wheel has turned for France

By Peter West, Rugby Correspondent

If we consider how the wheel has turned for ireland since they were beaten by Australia last November—their seventh defeat in a row, and their unhappiest sequence this century—it is also worth reflecting how affairs have gone for France in a quite different direction.

Since the French acquired a grand slam last year, they have

Since the French acquired a grand slam last year, they have defeated Romania but lost two internationals in Australia, two more against New Zealand at home last autumn, and three in the present championship. So as Ireland themselves go for the grand slam in Paris tomorrow one wonders — perish the thought — whether on the law of averages the unovedictable averages the unpredictable French are due to end a miserable run.

miserable run.

The performance of the French selectors this championship has, even by their quixotic standards, been something to marvel at. For the game against Wales they ared six of the seven backs who had played in the second international against New Zealand and made two more changes up front, one of them involving the return of a fit Jean-Pierre Rives.

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Predictably dissatisfied by the performance of their forwards in Cardiff, they then managed, for the England game in Paris, to leave out Robert Paparemborde; to pick at loose-head prop Jean-Paul Wolff, who plays lock or occasionally tight head for his club; and to have two No. 8's, Manuel Carpentier and Laurent Rodriguez, at lock. There were six forward changes in all, one of them positional.

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After losing to England, the French selectors made three more alterations, two ofthem positional, in their pack for the game against Scotland at Murrayfield. Michel Cremaschi and Daniel Revallier, who were dropped after the Welsh match came back for Wolff and Carpentier at loose head and lock. Carpentier moved to No 8 for Jean-Luc Joinel, who moved to a flank in place of Eric

are at least hair a dozen people is this country what could coact the British team out of the (Pool with the opportunities the opposition are being given.) mean I'm quite convinced of

The standard of the game in this country has already improved, Freddy Meredith, president elect of the British Ice Hockey Association, believes, "to the point where it is more than attrative to television". And

After the success of the English National League, set up in inelegant haste last summer, club representatives will meet at Whitley Bay immediately before Great Britain play Spain on Sunday to discuss the feasibility of a British league involving the present Northern League clubs together with Blackpool, Nottingham and Streatham.

In 1955, when the sport was professional is all but name, a British League saw the demise of seven of its 12 clubs in the space of its first season. The structure

of the game then, geographically lop-sided and top-heavy with imported players, was already recling under the initial impact of television.

There are fears that the extra expense and travelling demanded by a league taking in clubs from London to Dundee may similarly expose the weaknesses of the

expose the weakerses of the present day organisation. For Streatham, isolated in the south, such a league would require an extraordinary commitment.

Whatever the competitive structure of the sport next

ım and Streatham.

However, that respected per-former will be back in action against Ireland, in line for his 38th cap against an international board country. Pierre Dospital will play his first championship match this season at loose kead. Jean-Francois Imbernon is re-stored at lock, Revallier now moving to No 8. Thus there are four changes in the pack, two involving switches of position, and it looks at last as though France have got their front row right. The presence of Imbernon should also fortify the effort of the tight forwards.

Irvine is fit to face Wales

Andy Irvine has been passed fit to lead Scotland against Wales in Cardiff, tomorrow. Irvine, aged 30, confined to his home with influenza this week, took part in a full scale training session at Murrayfield yesterday morning before travelling to Wales with the rest of the Scottish party. The Coventry full back, Marcus Rose, did not break his leg while playing for his club at Bedford on Wednesday night. Rose, aged 25, was taken to Bedford General Hospital but after a night's rest he learned that the injury to his left knee was not as serious as at first

feared.

David Caplan, Northampton's former Yorkshire and England full back, makes his first appearance for East Midlands in next Wednesday's Mobbs Memorial Match against the Barbarians at at Northampton. The Bedford back row men Eales and Bennett, also make their first appearances for the East. East suff. AND Caplen; N. Summers, R. Berow, D. Woodrow, N. Underwood; M. Ebesorth (M. Northampton). I Fach; S. Astron. (Bedford, J. Raphed, N. Fox (Northampton). A. Wilshoom Godderft, V. Carron (Northampton). R. Wilshoom, N. Barnett, R. Esles (Betford).

BASKETBALL

Boston man invited

Three of the four newcomers in the first England squad to be named by Tom Wisman, for the challenge round of the European championships in 'Portugal' in May, have rarely been seen on a British court.

Two of the new additions, Martin Clarke and Tonyu Watson were currently playing in America

One look at Clarke playing for Boston College in January was senough of convince England's new coach that he would be an asset. A 6ft Sie forward, Clarke was a junior both with Palace and England when he left England in 1978 with the purpose of going to high school to improve his basketball.

Watson, a 6ft Sie forward with Drake University, who left England in 1976, spent a week last summer training with Solent. Wisman's club. Both Clarke and Walson were born in England aids have English passports, as does Johnson, who is in the invidious position of not being able to play for Palace in domestic competitions because he has not resided in the country for three of the hast 10 years, in accordance with the EBBA rules. Fortunately for him he was seen in action by Wisman, who was wearing his England cap as well as his Solemt one, at the New Year. To Johnson's credit, he has this opportunity might arise.

to the party.

By Nicholas Harling

Martin Clarke and Tonyu Watson are currently playing in America and a third, John Johnson, of Crystal Palace, only played for his new club in the World Invitation Chib Championships, which they staged over New Year. The fourth new selection is Peter Mullings, Brighton's 6ft 9in centre.

One look at Clarke playing for Reston College in January was

reluctant to give the name

structure of the sport next season, the immediate future for ice hockey looks dezzling to anyone familiar with its recent subterranean past. The prospects for Rapley and his young teammates are improving. Growing spectator and media interest has forced many rinks to revise comprehensively their assumptions about the profitability of ice hockey. No one at Strentham has to get up at 4.30 any more. reador and media interest has sed many rinks to revise prehensively their assumpt about the profitability of lockey. No one at Strestham p get up at 4.30 any more.

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Motoring by Peter Waymark

Tangled tale of the Sierra

The tricky business of find-ing names for new cars has been highlighted by the curious legal battle now being conducted between the Ford Motor Company and a small specialist manufacturer of kit-assembled vehicles, Dutton Cars, of Worthing.

The dispute is over Sierra, the name chosen by Ford for its Cortina replacement which is being launched in September. The trouble is that since 1979 Sierra has been used by Dutton for one of its cars, a utility vehicle which, ironically, involves Ford Escort components.

The story is a tangled one but it goes back to 1978 when Ford applied to the Trade-Ford applied to the Trade-marks Registry to secure the Sierra name and Mr Timothy Dutton, while testing in Spain, hit upon the same name for his new kit car. While Ford awaited final approval from the registry, the Dutton Sierra came on the market. Dutton at that the market. Dutton at that register the name but in May 1981 it, too applied to the

registry. In December last year, the registry finally approved the Ford application and Ford took the view that it had the legal right to stop Dutton using Sierra. The matter came up in the High Court last week, when, in a sum-mary judgment, Mr Justice Dillon decided that Dutton had a common law entitle-ment to the name and could continue with it, pending a

Dutton is claiming victory and the next move is up to

To the ordinary motorist, the dispute may seem aca-demic since the two vehicles are hardly in competition. Though Dutton is selling 100 Sierra kits a month, an axie rear suspension. At 13ft impressive figure for a small 7in, it is a little shorter than specialist, that comes no some of its rivals, but it where near the 150,000-plus sales which, on the basis of the Cortina'a performance, Ford can reasonably expect from its Sierra.

Though Dutton is selling 100 wheel drive layout and live axie rear suspension. At 13ft impressive firm its altitle shorter than some of its rivals, but it offers the typical 1300cc and 1600cc engine options.

The Charmant is pleasantly styled, with rear quarter lights adding a distinctive

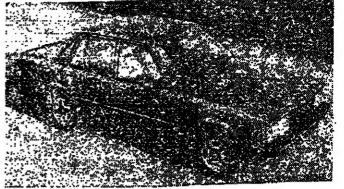
find another name for its many Japanese cars it falls wehicle. With a five months' down on packaging, or the waiting list, practical considerations, like having to reprint its brochures, would fade into insignificance.

Not only is head and legroom in the back seat

as the Cortina in Britain and the Taunus on the Continent. Even that decision was con-troversial. The success of the Cortina in Britain, where it has topped the best seller list for most of the past decade, made some Ford people

When a manufacturer has not been to the trade-marks registry first. In the case of Sierra, the name had been registered by Renault and Ford had to pay the French company to get it; just as Fiesta had to be cleared with General Motors, Ford's arch rival in the United States, which had once used it on an Oldsmobile model.

Nor is it only other car firms that have to be taken into account. When Ford Unless driven unusually launched the Granada in 1972, it was taken to court by the television company of speed of 3500rpm at 70mph in that name, though the view finth gives relaxed motorway



Stylish Japanese - the Daihatsu Charmant

Essential requirements for a successful name, apart from making sure no one else has registered it, are that it should be pronouncable in the languages of every country where the car is going to sold and that it should not lend itself to unfortunate translations.

Perhaps the answer is to follow Mercedes, BMW, Volvo and a few others and use numbers instead. But when Porsche tried to launch a new car as the 701, it found that Peugeot had registered all three figure numbers with nought in the middle. So the car had to be the 911 instead.

Daihatsu Charmant

Known initially in Britain for small cars, the Charade and the Domino, Daihatsu has recently expanded its range with the Charmant, a medium saloon which lies up against models like the Ford and the next move is up to Ford. It has three options: to go ahead with the trial, to reach an agreement with Dutton out of court, or to let the matter rest. Ford's lawyers are said to be in a close huddle.

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Like the Cortina, Ital, Fiat Mirafiori and several others. the Charmant is a three-box design with convential rear-wheel drive layout and live

the Corina's performance, Ford can reasonably expect from its Sierra.

For Dutton, which has to become much better known because of the dispute, the publicity will have been since it belongs to the rather worth having, even if it ultimately loses and has to find another name for its many language case it falls

ment. Nor is the front door opening as generous as it might be. One very good feature, however, and not often found on a saloon, is that the rear seat backs can be folded down to enable longer loads to be carried. The boot is average for the class of car, with the spare wheel stowed sensibly under-

neath.

I have been driving the larger, 1588cc, engine which is an overhead camshaft unit developing 74bhp. Some Toyota owners will already know the engine, which is made by that company. The automatic choke ensures immediate starting and accel-eration is lively, the car reaching 60mph from rest in just over 13 seconds. With a five-speed gearbox, it is often best to drop a notch when

was taken that the two cruising. Wind and activities were unlikely to be noise are moderate seldom intrusive.

On fuel consumption, I managed 30 mpg in town and 35 mpg on open road. That is better than average and as a small bonus the engine runs on two-star fuel. There is a lockable flap over the filler cap which can be opened, like the boot, from inside the The handling is character

istic of so many Japanese cars. The recirculating ball steering (1300 version, curiously, has rack and pinion) is vague in the straight ahead position and the car has a generally source. the car has a generally soggy feeling, with pronounced bodyroll. But roadholding is good and fast cornering produces no worse than mild

understeer. The best part of driving the car is the delightfully crisp gearbox.

Given the fairly basic suspension, the ride quality is not unacceptable though at low speed the live rear axle bump on the road. The front seats are well upholstered, and have an attractive cloth trim, but lack support at the

The instruments are clearly displayed and there is a useful bank of warning

It is difficult to point to anything on the Charmant which lifts it out of the general run of conventional medium saloons, but there are no serious drawbacks either. The car is well equipped, competitively priced (£4,999 for the 1600) and the straightforward engineering should help re-liability. As on all Daihatsu cars, the Protectol anti-rust price and carries an eightyear guarantee.

Look, no key

Owners of he top Renault models — 20TX and 30TX can now lock and unlock their cars without a key. This But how difficult car legroom in the back seat apparent magic is performed names can be. The reason for barely adequate for a tall with a remote control transmitter, supplied with the car place was to have a single driving position cramped as the device which allows to have a model well and could have done as the device which allows to change tclevision viewers to channels without leaving their armchairs.

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the transmitter is aimed at the receiver through the driver's window.

Known as Plip, from the man who designed it. Paul Lipschutz, the device is said to allow for 59,000 combi-nations and should therefore give no worries on security. Renault says the owner of a Plip transmitter has less chance of opening another car with it than winning a prize in the French national

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Radio 1

5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates 11.30 Dave Lee Travis including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.00 Paul Burnett. 3.30 Andy Peebles 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 Andy Peebles 10.00

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The Friday Rock Show with Tommy
Vance, † 12.00 midnight Close VHS
radios 1 and 2: 5.00 With Radio 1.
10.00 With Radio 2. 12.00-5.00 With

World Service

Radio 2.

Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 1

6.40-7.55 Open University. Two control problems: 7.05 impacts of Mining; 7.30 Odilon Redon. 9.00: Schools, Colleges. Biology (natural selection); 9.25 The Boy from Space; 10.15 Religious and Moral Education; 10.00 Hyn o Fyd; 11.22 Monkeys and the Moon; 11.40 Going to Work; 12.05 Plants in Action; 12.30 News After Noon; 12.57 News headlines. And Financial Report; 1.00 Pabble Mili at One; Tennis player Arthur Ashe is interviewed in to the forest player reduce Asine is interviewed in the toyer-studio. Plus Dig This, and Living with Leisure; 1.45 Bagouss; 2.02 For Schools, Colleges: Troubled Minds? That's a Lousy Title. A Young People's Unit comments on a film the BBC made about them; 2.35 A Good Job with Prospects: 3.55 Play School Sheetagh Gilbey and Johnny Ball present The Pop-up Book of the -Circus, by Loretta Lustig and ib Penick (can also be seen on BBC2 at 11.00 am).

4.20 Captain Caveman: cartoon; 4.30 Jackanory: Thora Hird reads Joan

4.45 Finders Keepers: Battleships game between Polehampton County Junior School, Twytord and Dunmore County

Motor Car Picnic.

Hickson's The Seven Sparrows and the

Junior Schol, Abingdon; 5.10 The Song and the Story: Isla St Clair in the Scottish

fishing village of Findochty; 5.35 Ivor the Engine.

5.40 News: with Jan Leeming; 6.00 South East at Six; 6.22 Nationwide: the legislative role played by the House of Lords, including the important work in committee.

7.00 Film: The Satan Bog (1965) John Sturges's science-fiction thriller about a virus which talls into bad hands, putting the lives of

8.50 Points of View; Barry Took comments on

9.25 Mc Clain's Law: Crime thriller series, with

10.15 The lan Wookfridge interview: it is with Nigel Dempster, the Daily Mall columnist; 10.45 News headlines.

James Arness as the veteran policeman Jim McClain. What begins as a routine murder investigation develops into something very different.

9.00 News: with John Simpson.

every person in Los Angeles in denger.
Exposed to the air, the bug could wipe out
the entire human race. With George
Maharis, Richard Basehart, Dana Andrews,

6.40 Open University, 6.40 Membranes; 7.05 Woodlands Decomposers; 7.30 Science: Betwee Two Stools. Open University programmes end at 7.55 am. Nothing theo tartil 11.00 when there is Play School. Today's story, by Loretta Lusting and to Penick, is The Pop-Up Book of the Circus. The presenters are Shelagh Gilbey and Johnny Ball: 11.25 Closedown: 3.55 Living on the Land: Don Howerth's film is about Vernon Egerton, living in the Staffordshire Pennines with his lamily of five, and spending all his life as preacher and

teacher, though not earning enough to

4.20 All I Ask is a Tall Ship: A week on board the sail-training ship

Soriandet, preparing for a Baltic tall-ships race (r).

to save the Austrian Empire in the last century (r); 5.35 Weekend Outlook: OU

secret society aims to kill off its members. With Basil Rathbone,

5.10 Empires of War: The struggle

5.40 Sherlock Holmes and the House of Fear (1945)* A

6.45 Dear Hart: Comedy magazine for teenagers. With Toyah Wilcox; 7.10 News.

7.15 A Musical Canal Celebration: Mike Harding and The Spinners on the Bridgewater canal.

7.50 Gardeners' World: A new lawn

Newsweek: Britain's foreign

Playhouse: Keeping in Touch,

has been neglecting his widowed mother (Margery

Mason) who is becoming

increasingly eccentric.

10.25 The Blues: Big Joe Williams,

Henry Townsend, Victoria Spivey and James DeShay. 10.50 Newsnight: Bulletins, comment.

11.35 Friday Night . . . Saturday Morning, The MC is Diana (Bridesheed Revisited) Quick. The guests include Victoria Wood and her husband, The

Great Soprando. Plus guests from the world of the clown,

including Jacko Fossett, Willie Campbell and Merry Conway, a clown from the United States.

9.55 Scoop: News quiz game with Russell Davies, Esther Rantzen

Jean Rook, Desmond Wilcox
— and Richard Stigge.

policy discussed with Lord Carrington and Peter Jay.

8.50 tris Williams and Sunshine: The musical cruise continues Destination tonight: Lisbon.

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BBC 2 G.

Books, 12.10 Once Upon a Time: Cinderella; index; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 Take the High Road: Scottish estate serial 2.00 After No. Plus: The effect of divorce on children. With Leo Abse MP, chairman of the all-party divorce group in Parliament, and Jane Streather, director of

TTV/LONDON

9.35 For School. Reading with Lenny; 9.47 Death of George VI; 10.9 Who Stopped the Clock ?: 10.21 Physics; 10.43 Geography; 11.05 Worship; 11.22 Electricity; 11.34 Craft, Design and Technology; 11.55 Comic Stories; 12.00 Song 12.30 Second Thoughts: Spare-time courses in Aylesbury, Baltersea, Kennington, Paddington and Southwark; 1.00 News from ITN, And FT share In Pariament, and some substance, curecus or National Council for One Parant Families; 2,45 Film: The Arsenat Stadium Mystery * (1839) A footballer is murdered during a charity match, With Lesiie Banks, Greta Gynt, Ian MacLean, Esmond 4.15 Dr Snuggles: the inventor with Peter Ustinov's (r):

4.20 Razzmataz: Pop music show With Bob Beldof and the Boonlown Rats, and the The Hautling of Cassle Palmer: Episode
4. Drama about the daughter of a
spiritualist medium with fading powers. With
Helen Probyn, Elizabeth Spriggs. 5.15 Square One: Board game, with Joe Brown

5.54 News, 6.00 The 6 o'clock Show: Michael Aspel is presenter of this light-hearted news and information show, broadcast live in tront of a studio audience 7.00 Family Fortunes: Cesh prizes quiz game between the Halliwells of Great Kimble, Bucke: and the McCrackens of

7.30 Hawas Five-O investigation into an institute that specializes in freezing living tissue. 8.30 The Gaffer: Comedy series, with BIH Maynard as the small-time industrialist. Tonight, why he batches a plot to get the workforce out on strike.

9.00 We'll Meet Again: Drama serial about US alrimen stationed in England during the last war. Tonight, the good folk of Market Wetherby have their first taste of the Jitterbug, And Helen (Susannah York) tells Jim Kiley (Michael J.Shannon) that she Alan Drury's play is about a man (Doug Fisher) who feels he cannot see him again because her wounded husband is about to be flown home. With Ronald Hines, as the husband. 10.00 News from ITNL

10.30 Bizarre: Comedy series from the United

11.00 The London Programme: Boxed In. An investigation of the claim by a young north London boding promoter, Frank Warren, that he is being frozen out by BBC Television. Insvitably, the programme is an assessment of the authority and judgme of the British Board of Boxing Control. 11.35 Police 5: with Shaw Taylor:

11.45 Thriller: One Deadly Owner. A young model (Donna Mile) buys a Rolls-Royce. She does not know it is possessed by the spirit of a murder victim. Co-starring Jeremy Brett, Robert Morris, and Laurence 12.55 Close. Dr. Anthony Storr on the process of

creation and inspiration.

11.50 Film: Hannie Caulder (1971), Western in which Raquel Welch settles scores with three outlaws who raped her and killed her husband. Co-starting Robert Culp, Ernest Borgrine, Jack Elam and Diana Dors. Director: Burt Kennedy Ends at 12.20

Litterbug dancer: We'll Meet Again (ITV 9.00)

What do they know of Diana **- /*-

- wrest on they know of Diana-Quick who only Brideshead tevisited know? Very little. The erstwhile Lady Julia Flyte, who hosts tonight's FRIDAY....

ong ago, she was Robert

NIGHT ... SATURDAY MORNING

(BBC 2, 11.35 pm) has successfully turned her hand also to playwriting,

journalism and criticism. Not all that

Robinson's companion presenter in

a BBC TV series for literati, Word for Word. Which reminds me of a deplorable state of affairs; there is now not a single programme on

that) devoted exclusively to the

CHOICE

Bookshelf. Recently, he has dipped his toes into the TV pool. I think heis now ready for total immersion. REEPING IN TOUCH (BBC 2,

9.25 pm), Alan Drury's earle illustration of that powerful dramatic device, the persistence of memory that rubs out the boundary between present and past, is the first play — and the last — to be directed by Terence Devaney. He was killed in a BBC Television (nor on ITV; come to road accident soon after the play was filmed. The play shows that with Mr Robinson) are ready-made through Devaney's death. Keeping for the job of presenter of a literary in Touch is also Drury's first slot on TV. They are Miss Quick and television play, and it is a most

and once again, the recently introduced departure of keeping is shown to work in the writer's tavour. Radio choice: KALEIDOSCOPE

(Radio 4, 9.30 pm) is given over entirely to an Interview with John er, now the focus of much renewed attention because of screening of his play Yoyage Round My Eather, and his scrubulous fidelity to the Waugh original in his adaptation of Brideshead Revisited.

8.30.pm) has a strong panel: Tony Benn, Observer editor Donald Trefford, and Marghanita Lask Frank Delaney. The latter has won promising beginning. He shuffles the Fireworks Night could be a little his source on radio in Radio 4's cards of Time in an ingenious way, earlier in Rye, Sussex, this year.



Margery Mason, Doug Fisher, Keeping in Touch (BBC 2, 9.25)

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Ferning Today. 6.30 Today. 8.33 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.45 Feedback, Your views on BBC

10.00 News
10.02 International Assignment
10.30 Dely Service
10.45 Morning Story: 'A Man From Glasgow) by Somerset Maughen

11.00 News; Travel. 11.05 The Fall of the Shah (first of two programmes). 11.50 Bird of the Week: The Chaffinch. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 My Word! Panel game.†

1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour Visits India. 2.02 Woman's Hour Visits India.
3.00 News; Travel.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre. 'Old Frends' by Jo Gilt.†
4.05 Poetry Pleasel†
4.15 Agony in the 80s. A chaf with agony columnists.
4.45 Story Time: 'The Canon in Residence' by Victor L. Whitachurch (8).
5.00 PM: News magazine.
6.00 The Six o'clock Nets.
6.30 Going Places. The travel and transport acene.

Going Places. The travel and transport acene. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week.† 8.10 Profile. A personal portrait. 8.30 Any Questions? 9.15 Letter from America by Ali Cooke.

9.30 Raieidoscope. 10.00 The World Tonight: News. 10.35 Week Ending.†

11.00 A Book at Bedtune: 'Gorky Park by Martin Cruz Smith † 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 11.45 John Ebdon delves into the BBC Sound Archives. News: Weather Ri Forecast 12,00

12.15 Shopping Forecast.
ENGLAND: VHF with it above except as follows: 6.25-6.30em Weather; Travel. 9.05 For Schools. 10.30-10.45 Lister with Mother. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 2.00-3.00 For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (con-tinued). 11.00-12.00 Study on

Radio 3 6.55 Weather.

7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Weber,
Albingni, Bach, Haydn: records.
8,00 News. 8,05 Morning Concert: (continued) Suppa, Michel Legrand arr R R Bennett, Saint-Saens, Prokofiev; Records.

9,00 News. 9.05 This Weeks Composer Rameau. records, including mono.†
10.00 Piono Recital, Beethoven,
Debussy, Brahms.†
10.55 Ehzabeth Maconchy, Chamber 10.55 Ehzabeth Maconchy, Chamber music or records †
11.20 Anaeo Tino; Rectal of songs and chamber music: Arnold Cooke, Saint-Saens, Meyerbeer, Debussy, Bliss †
12.15 Midday Concert direct from the Henry Wood Hall, Glasgow, Part 1: Elgar, Vaughn Williams; †
1.00 News.
1.05 J Don't see George any more. Short story by Philip Oales, 120 Midday Concert: Part 2: Moeran. †
2.10 Cesar Franck; Violin and Piano record. †

recital, † 2.40 Schumann; Song recital, †

3.10 Capricorn; Chamber music recital; Mozart, Bartok. †
4.00 Choral Evensong; Solemn Vespers for St. Joseph's Day from Westminister Cathedral. † 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. †

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6.55 Play it Again; Preview †
7.00 Journey to a revolution. An account of a three-month walk across revolutionary France and into Switzerland and Italy made in 1790 by William Wordsworth and Robert Jones.
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7.30 Chilinghran Shring Quartet.
8.15 The Lyttelton/ Hart-Davis.
8.35 Recital; Part 2: Brahms. †
9.25 Words Talk by Gerald Long.
9.30 Music m Our Time; Klass de Vries, Alain Bancquart, Ronald Williams H. Wilmann † 10.30 The Sound of Edwin Morgan: A selection of the poems of Edwin Morgan introduced and portormed by the poet. †

11.0 News. 11.5 Handel on record, † VHF ONLY—Open University: 5.55-6 55; 11.20 pm-1.00 am.

Radio 2 5.00 Ray Moore, † 7.30 Terry Woşan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young, † 12.00 Glorie Hunnitord, † including 1.45 Sports Desk. 2.00 Don Durbridge, † including 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.00 Devid Hamilton, † including 4.45 Sports Desk. 5.45 Sports Desk. † 8.00 John Durin at the Daily Moli Ideal Home Exhibition, † 8.00 Sequence Time at the Radio 2 Ballroom † 8.45 Friday Night Its Music Night from the Hippodrame, Golders Green, London † 10.00 Listen to Les says Las Dawson 10.30 Anything for a Laugh, the world of comic songs. World Service

SBC World Service can be recieved in Western Europe on medium wave 548 kHz (463ml at the followers times GMT 6.00 am Newsdesk 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. News Summary 7.30 Backtracking 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8,15 Divertimento 8.30 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today. 9.00 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Muzik Now 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 10.30 Business Manters. Navy Programme 10.30 Business Manters. 11.00 World News 11.00 News About Britant 11.15 in the Meantime 11.25 Uter Newsletter 11.30 Merdian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Juzz for the Asking 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 1.30 Cagnopra Ahea 2.15 Lefterbox 2.30 John Peel 3.00 Stadio Newsreel 2.15 Collook. 4.00 World News. 1.00 Science in Action 4.45. The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 My World 8.00 World News. 1.00 Them London, 9.55 Wavelgade 10.00 World News. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.08 Commentary 11.15 From the Weekles. 11.30 Thirty Minute Theatro. 12.00 World News 12.09 am News Bould Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 About Britain 12.15 Sarah and Comany 1,15 Outlook. 1.45 Music for the Harpsichord. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Press. 3.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British World Today.

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News, 10.30 Good Neighbour Show. 11.00 Film: Colditz Story " (John Milks, Eric Portman), Classic PoW escape saga, 12.45 am Closedown,

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As HTV West except: 11.34 am-11.49

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she married apcretty. 6,00-7.00 About Anglia. 7,30-8,30 Fall Guy. 11.00 Members Only. 11.30 Film: Once You Kise a Stranger (Paul Surke). Thrifler about a disturbed society girl who murders a got professional. 1.30am Encounters at Walsingham.

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ut Wales. 12.00-12.10 pm Beth

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

BBC Cymru/Wales: 12.57-1.00 pm News, 1.45-2.2 Y Cowbol Bach, 2.35-3.00 / Ysgolion, 3.20-3.55 Glosedown, 5,10-5.35 Gweld I'r Gwylf, 6.00-6.22 5, 10-3.35 (Head) I FGWyrr, 6.00-6.22 Wales Today, 7.00-7.20 Heddiw, 7.20-7.50 Pobol Y Cwm, 7.50-8.20 Pride of Place, 8.20-8.50 The Colliers' Crusade, 10, 15-11.5 Week in Week Out, 11.5-11.6 News, 11.6-12.55 am Film: Kotch (1971) (Walter Mattheu), 12.55 Weether, Scotland: 11.00-12.55 Weether, Scotland: 11.00-12.55 Film: Kotch (1971) (Walter Mattheu).
12.35 Weather. Scotlemb: 11.00
11.22 aer For Schools. 12.55-1.00 pro
News. 3.20-3.55 Closedown. 6.006.22 Reporting Scotland. 10.15-10.45
Goodbye Mr Kent. 10.45-10.50 News.
Northern Ireland: 11.00-11.22 am
Closedown. 12.57-1.00 pm News.
3.20-3.53 Closedown. 3.53-3.55
News. 6.00-6.22 Scene Around Six.
10.15-10.45 Spotlight. 10.45-10.50
News. 12.20 am News. England: 6.006.22 pm News Magazines. 10.1510.45 East — Weetend. Midlands —
Midlands Tonight. North Regimental

10.45 East — Weekend. Midlands — Midlands Tonight. North Regimental Showcase. North East — Coast to Coast (Northumbertand Theatre Company). North West — Sweet and Sour. South — Southern Lite (Labour Party's extreme left wing). South West — The Attic Archives. West — Derek Bourgeois — Composer. 12.20 atm Close.

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As London except: 11.55em-12.00 Lock and See. 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News, 2.45-4.15 Film: Introder (Jack Hawkins, Michael Intruder (Jack Hewitins, Michael Medwin), Ex-army officer finds one of his former spidiers rifling his deak at some: 5.15-5.45 Emmerdele Farm. home, 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm.
6.00 Today South West, 6.30-7.00
What's Ahead, 7.30-8.30 Hart to Hart.
10.32 News, 10.35 Postacript, 10.40
Mysterious Tales, 10.45 Three's
Compeny, 11.15 Film: Virginity*
(Vittorio Gatsman). Weelthy Sicilian in
conting across to look after the

As London except: 11.35 am Come Close. 11.50-12.00 Intermission. 12.30 per Vel. 1.20-7.30 News. 2.45 Film: Imposter (Paul Hecht, Nancy Kelly) Actor hires himself to the sucurity force as an impersonator of famous people. 4.10-4.15 Windows. 6.00-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 11.00 News. 11.05 Film: Alvarez Kelly (William Holden, Richard Widmark) Owner of a cattle herd finds himself between two sides in the American

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etween two sides in the American

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-9.35 First Thing, 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.45-4.15 Film: Where The Sullet's Fly (Tom Adams, Dawn Addems) Spy spoof with world peace threatened by a nuclear-powered engine. 5.00-7.00 Morth Tonight. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy, 10.30 Figur, 10.10 of the Milestow. (Debter Tonger. 7.30-3.50 rain day. 10-30 Film: Land of the Minotaur (Peter Cushing, Donald Pleasence) Horror story of priest who lears for the safety of young lourists who disappear.

12.05 am News. 12.10 Closedown.

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Vet 1.20-1.30 News 2.45-4.15 Film; Mark of Cain.* (Eric Portman, Sally Gray). Jealousy and intrigue in Edwardian times. 5.15 Watch This Space. 5.30-5.45 Coast to Coast, 5.00 Coast to Coast, 6.30-7.00 Friday Sportshow. Costs 4.30 Fall Guy. 11.00 Film; Night of the Big Heat (Christopher Lee; Pele Cushing). Unknown menace hangs over an island holel when a heatwave occurs in November, 12.45em Company, followed by Closedown,

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.39 pro-1.00 val. 1,20-1.30 Naves. 2.45-4.15 Prin: Mark of Cain* (Eric Porbnan, Sally Gray) Jestousy and intrigue in Edwardian imas. 6.00 Calender. 6.30-7.00 Sport. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 11.00 Snooker.

ULSTER As London except; 11.34am-12.00 Face Your Future, 12.30-1.00 Vet.

As Thames except; 11.54em-12.00
Wattoo, Wattoo, 12.30pm-1.00 Vet.
1.20 Granada Reports, 1.30 Exchange
Flags, 2.00 Take the High Road, 2.304.15 Film: Viking Queen (Donald
Houston), Queen's peaceful policies
cause unrest among ber tamäy who
want wer with the invading Romans,
5.00 Kick Off, 6.30-7.00 Granada
Reports, 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy, 11.00
Week on Friday, 11.30 Fam: Cobra
(Jean Yanne, Senta Berger), Two
lamifies in Marseillas wage a victous Face Your Future. 12.30-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.45-4:15 Film: Topper Takes a Trip (Constance Bennett). Fantasy comady with a triendity ghost. 5.15 Hoar Here. 5.30-5.45 Good Evening Ulster. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30-7.00 Drif rent Strokes. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Counterpoint Special: Decime of Ulster industry. 11.35 News. Closedown. smiles in Marsellas wage a victo gang war to gain political control. 1.15am Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20 News, 1.30-2.00 Scuare One. 2.45-4.15 Film: Mark of Ceim* (Eric Portman, Sally Gray), Jealousy and intrigue in Edwardian times, 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today, 6.25 Sports Extra. 6.45-7.00 Hear Here. 7.30-8.30 Charle's Angels. 10.30 Ware and Means. 1.10 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Bizarre, 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Streets

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As London except: Starts: 9.25am
Good Word, 9.30-9.35 News,
12.30pen-1.00 Ver. 1.20-1.30 News,
Lookaround, 2.45-4.15 Film: Peasion
(Comei Wilde). Man takes the law into
his own hands to seek revenge against
a gang of raiders, 5.00 News, 6.02
Sporistime, 6.30-7.00 Northern Life,
7.30-8.30 Fall Guy, 10.30 News,
10.32 Finday Live, 12.00 Superstar
Profile: Margot Kidder, 12.30cm
Poet's Corner, 12.40 Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1,20-30 News.2,45-4,15 Film; Love Match* (Aribur Askey), North Country comedy about soccer. 6,00 Lookaround. 6,30-7,00 That's Hollywood. 7,30-8,30 Fall Guy. 10,30 Your MP, 11,00 Danger UXB. 12,00 News. 12,30am Closedown.

Court of Appeal

Law Report March 19 1982

Chancery Division

the action after service of the writ.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Mr Brian Hayes, of Chatham, Kent, from a decision of Mr Instice Michael Davies who, giving judgment for Mrs Sandra Riizabeth Birkett, of Teynham, Kent, who was injured in an accident between the car in which she was travelling and a car driven by Mr Hayes, awarded inter alia E30,000 for pain and suffering and loss of amenities, with £16,000 interest, a sumparrived at by applying the conventional rate of interest based on the short-term investment account rate, over the period of 4% years between the service of the writ and the date of trial, the total award to be reduced by 25 per cent by reason

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mrs Birkett received a devastating head injury in the accident, which had left her with a severe behavioural disorder. The judge gave total damages of 1299,663, reduced by 25 per cent because Mrs Birkett was not wearing a sear hale. He reseased wearing a scat belt. He assessed the figure for pain and suffering

that item.

In Jefford v Gee ([1970] 2 QB 130) the court gave a guideline on the swarding of such interest. It said it should be awarded from the date of service of the writunil the date of trial. Looking back, his Lordship felt that guideline was an error.

It treated pain, suffering and loss of amenities at accruing due

Birkett v Hayes

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Harts.

Illudgment delivered March 18]
Interest awarded on general damages in personal attury actions should in future be at the variable of the writ. The plaintiff thus stands to gain by the delay in progressing the case to trial. He ought not to gain still more by having interest from the date of the writ. We should would normally run, from the date of the writ. We should also for the period would normally run, from the date of the writ. We should also for the period would normally run, from the date of the writ. We should also for the writ to the date of the writ. We should also for the writ to the date of the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the date of the writ to the date of the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the date of the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the date of the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ. We should also for the writ to the writ to the writ to the writ was to be the use of £20,000. Nor did the trial the date of the writ to the writ was to be the use of £20,000. The date of the writ to the writ was to be the use of £20,000.

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That judgment was given in july 1977, and was strongly supported in the report of the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury (Cmnd 7054-I), chapter 16, paragraphs 747 and 748.

Cookson was taken to the House of Lords ([1979] AC 556), but no view was expressed on the point in question. But in Pickett v Braish Rail. Engineering Ltd ([1980] AC 136) the House of Lords did consider the point. They overruled Cookson but in doing so made no mention of the

they overruled Cookson but in doing so made no mention of the period of 4% years between the service of the writ and the date of trial, the total award to be reduced by 25 per cent by reason of Mrs Birkett's contributory negligence in not wearing a seat belt.

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Peter Ripman for Mr Hayes; Mr Mark Potter, QC and Mr Michael Baker for Mrs Birkett.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

The important thing to notice was that the judge assessed the figure of £30,000 on the value of figure of £31,000 on the value of money at the date of trial, and on Mrs Birketr's condition at that date. Everyone accepted that that was the right way of doing it. The judge had to award compensation for the past, and also for future pain, suffering and loss of agreenites.

the figure for pain and suffering and loss of amenities, as at the date of trial on January 19, 1981, as £30,000. The only question on the appeal was as to interest on that item.

The figure for pain and suffering and loss of menities, as at the future pain, suffering amenities.

If the currency had remained was served, to 1981, and Mrs was served, to 1981, and Mrs was served, to 1981, and first the condition had remained mechanged, the award in 1976 mchanged, the award in 1976 would have been not £30,000, but £20,000 or thereabouts.

the date of service of the writ until the date of trial. Looking back, his Lordship felt that guideline was an error.

It treated pain, suffering and loss of amenities as accroing due at the date of service-of the writ, whereas it did not.

It was more like the item for cost of future care or for loss of future earnings, in which interest only ran from the date of trial. But the guideline had stood since 1971, and it was now too late to change it.

There was no reason why that figure should be treated any differently from a contract debt. If the lady was owed a debt of 20,000 due in May 1976, and indigenent was given in January 1981, she would get interest for those 4% years — about £8,000. So she would have got £28,000 at the trial. But the guideline had stood since 1971, and it was now too late to change it.

trial. But the guideline had stood since 1971, and it was now too late to change it.

There was an attempt to alter it in Cookson v Knowles ([1977] QB 913). Since Jefford there had been racing inflation, so in Cookson his Lordship said, at p 921: "The

If she had invested it, she would have had to pay tax on the interest she received from it. If interest was now awarded on £30,000 from the date of service of the writ for 4% years, she would get the interest without deduction of tax and without having to pay tax on it.

having to pay tax on it.

Alternatively, she might not have invested it, but spent it in other ways, in that case she would have got no interest at all.

Accordingly, the interest at all warded should be very low indeed. It had to be remembered that Mrs Birkett was getting the £30,000 assessed at the date of trial, and also interest on it over the preceding 4% years. His the preceding 4% years. His Lordship, having discussed it with his brethren, would put the interest at 2 per cent, and recommended it as a guideline

His Lordship agreed with what Lord Justice Watkins was about to say about the period over which interest should be given.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH, agreeing, said that if damages were assessed on the basis of the value of the pound at the date of the writ, there would be an overwhelming case for the award of interest at rates which carried

or interest at rates which carried an inflationary element.

Such rates would seek, albeit-imperfectly, to achieve twoimperfectly, to achieve twoobjects, namely, to preserve the
value of the award and to
compensate for the late receipt
of the money. However it could
not be right to apply such
interest rates to an award which
already took into account the
need for preserving the value of
money.

money.

His Lordship agreed that 2 per cent was appropriate for interest on awards of general damages and also agreed with what Lord Justice Warkins was about to say.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, agreeing, said that the court had a discretion as to the period for which interest should be awarded. In the normal case it would be from the date of sevice of the writ to the date of trial, but the court could abridge it if it thought just to do so.

It was wrong that interest should run during a time which could properly be called unjustifiable delay after the date of the writ. During that time, the plaintiff would have been kept out of the sum awarded him by

2% general damages interest Vulgarity no rebuttal of licence to enter

licence.

justices were entitled to hold that the words "fuck off" were not a sufficiently express rebutal of the implied Rearce police officers have, together with other officers have, together with other citizens, to enter upon the property of an occupier between the gate and the door, so as to render unlawful any arrest there for a refusal to take a breath test. The Divisional Court so held dimissing an appeal by way of case stated from Lydney justices, Gloucestershire, who on September 2, 1981 convicted Brian John Snook of driving a motor vehicle having consumed achohol in such quantity that the proportion thereof in his blood exceeded the prescribed limit contrary to section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 and Schedule 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1974.

Mr Andrew Green for the

Mr Andrew Green for the appellant; Mr Christopher Hod-son for the prosecutor.

LORD TUSTICE ORMROD said

that on April 17, 1981 two
policemen in a patrol car
observed a Ford Cortina motor
car being driven in an erratic
manner. They followed it and
eventually achieved a speed of 55 mph in a built-up area.

The car was never out of the officers' sight until it came to rest in the drive way of Mr Snook's dwelling house. Mr Snook got out of the driver's seat and threw the car keys into a flexuse hed.

flower bed. The officers walked on to the drive way, told him they suspected he had alcohol in his body and requested him to supply a sample of breath. He decimed and told them he was on his own drive. A second request was made and Mr Snook was warned of the consequences of a refusal. He persisted in saying that he

He persisted in saying that he was on his own drive. He was then arrested and taken to the police station where the usual routine was observed and the resultant blood sample produced an analysis of 201mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood.

Mr Snook appeared to have the idea that once he reached his own drive it was some form of idea that once he reached his own drive it was some form of sanctuary. He alleged that he had told the officers to "fuck off" and both officers were prepared to accept that he had done so, but neither gained any impression that their licence to come upon his property was being revoked or that they were being asked to leave

writ. During that time, the plaintiff would have been kept out of the sum awarded him by his own fault.

Soficitors: Hextall Erskine & course of conduct which could not be reasonably mistaken. The

Snook v Manmion

Before Lord Justice Ormrod and
Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered March 18]

Justices were entitled to hold that the words "fuck off" were not a sufficiently express return to the conclusion that the vulgar expletive used was insufficient to revoke the licence and that in view of his intensical condition it was reasonable for the officers not to appreciate that Mr Snook was trying to convey his intension in revoke such licence.

From the decision in Gilham v Breidenbach (DC unreported, October 23, 1987) it was clear that it was for justices to decide if "fuck off" was to be taken as terminating a licence to enter or whether it was vulgar abuse. It was a matter for the justices. It was argued on behalf of Mr Snook, that where anybody, in particular police officers but it must be general, knew from the conduct of the owner of: property, or had reasonable cause to infer, that his presence on the drive was against the wishes of the owner, then he had no right on the property.

It was further argued that if that was wrong and there was an implied licence, it came to an end immediately they took steps which they knew was against the wishes of the owner, such as asking for a breath specimen.

In Lambert v Roberts ([1981] RTR 113) it was held that in the RTR 113) it was new that in the absence of a locked gate or some other notice such as "Police keep out", police officers, like all other citizens, had an implied licence to enter upon a driveway and to approach the door of a dwellinghouse if they had or reasonably thought they had legitimate business with the occupier.

It was argued that the conduct of Mr Saook in trying to get away from the police in the chase clearly indicated that he did not want police officers on his land.

It was said that there was no implied licence for members of the public to enter the drive way of a house if they were aware that the occupant of the house did not want him on the grounds. That created a practical prob-lem of where to draw the line and

only an express withdrawal of the licence would be workable. In the present case the police were on the drive way pursuant to the ordinary implied licence and since there was no withdrawal of the licence by the words "fuck off" the appeal must fail.

MR JUSTICE FORBES, agree-ing, said that the implied licence arose only in relation to the bit of land between the gate and the front or back door. The police were intent on pursuing police business which was legitimate

business with the occupier. Solicitors: Francis & Co.

EMI Records Ltd v Ian orders, particularly against con-tempors, and the taxing masters Before Sir Robert Megarry, Vice

Ludement delivered March 15

[Judgment delivered March 15]
In giving judgment following applications for a review of orders for costs on an indemnity basis, Sir Robert Megarry, Vice Chancellor, said that important points of principle had arisen as to the court's power to decide costs under section 50(1) of the Judicature Act 1925 and Order 62, rules 28, 29 and 31 of the Supreme Court Practice, 1982.
In passing, he said the process of reading through the main body of rules under Order 62, even without the appendices, was one that brought to mind Oliver Cromwell's phrase "An ungodly jumble". Matters of principle and substance lay cheek by jowl with details of procedure, and if one day there was to be a rewritten Order, there would be little difficulty in achieving an improvement in the present drafting. He hoped that Order 62 would soon be amended, particularly so as to put beyond doubt the position of inter partes orders for costs on an indemnity basis and on a solicitor and own client basis.

Mr Mark Potter, QC, and Mr Platts-Mills for the plaintiffs; Mr-Michael Cook, solicitor, for the defendants.

The VICE-CHANCELLOR, giv-The VICE-CHANCELLOR, giving leave for the judgment, which was delivered in chambers, to be reported, said that section 50(1) of the Judicature Act 1925 provided that "the costs of and incidental to all proceedings in the Supreme Court... shall be in the discretion of the court or judge, and the court or judge, and the court or judge shall have full power to determine by whom and to what extent mine by whom and to what extent the costs are to be paid". Order 62 dealt with costs, and

in the present case rule 28 was at the centre of the dispute although rules 29 and 31 had to be considered before turning to the indemnity basis of costs that was in issue.

The five main bases of taxation were: (1) The party and party basis: "all such costs as were necessary or proper for the attainment of justice...".

(2) The common fund basis: "a more generally basis then party.

more generous basis than party (3) The trustee basis: costs payable out of a fund — where no costs would be disallowed unless they fell within certain excep-

(4) The solicitor and own client basis: costs allowed except in so far as of an unreasonable amount or unreasonably incurred.

or unreasonably incurred.

(5) The indemnity basis: the Rules of the Supreme Court contained no express mention of any such basis and there seemed to be no clear statement of what such a basis meant. Yet for years the courts had been making such

Assessing and taxing costs

had had to do their best to tax costs under such orders. Often they had been more or less equated with orders for costs as between solicitor and own client.

In the present case, the defendants had been required to pay the plaintiffs their costs, in the one order, "on the footing of an indemnity" and in the other "on an indemnity basis", though nothing turned on the slight differences in wording. The contention before the court was that the court had no

court was that the court had no power to order payment of costs on an indemnity basis and further, that in inter partes proceedings the court could make no order for costs on a solicitor and own client basis; it was said the court was restricted to the orders to be found in rule to the orders to be found in rule 28 of Order 62 so that with the trustee basis being obviously inapplicable, the only possible orders in a case like the present were either the common fund or party and party basis.

However, the court took the view that in contentious proceedings it had power to order the unsuccessful party to pay the successful party's costs on bases other than those contained in Order 62, rule 28, and those included orders for costs on the solicitor and own client basis, or the solicitor and client basis, or on an indemnity basis.

The circumstances of litigation were so various that it was a matter of high importance that the judge should have a wide discretion as to the basis of costs

discretion as to the basis of costs and not be subjected to the Procrustean bed of Order 62, rule

Turning to the meaning of an

order for costs on the basis of an indemnity, no such basis appeared to have been laid down in the rules of court or elsewhere. On the footing that there was jurisdiction to make such an order what did it mean?

One possible meaning was that the successful party was to have every penny of his costs reimbursed to him, however absurd, extravagant or unreason-

able they were.

An alternative meaning, subject to any provision in the order. could be one based on rule 29(1), that is, "solicitor and own client" costs, thereby giving to the successful party the indemnity that the court was seeking to give him. To say that, on a taxation, "all costs shall be allowed except in so far as they are of an unreasonable amount or have been unreasonably incurred" been the best of the siving the litigant seemed to be giving the litigant complete indemnity shorn only of anything seen to be unreason-

The litigant would not have to show that the costs were necessary or proper or of a reasonable amount and reason-

indemnity basis would take effect as an order for costs on the basis set out in rule 29(1) of Order 62. If it was to mean anything more, in some exceptional case, the order should make that explicit.

As for an order inter partes for costs on a solicitor and own client basis, the court would only chent basis, the court would only draw attention to the width of rule 29 and the need for the person liable, or potentially liable, to pay such costs to realize that he might have to pay for any

that he might have to pay for any needless extravagances authorized by the other party.

The court's general conclusions were: (1) Section 50(1) of the Judicature Act, 1925 had given the court a wide discretionary power over costs which had not been cut down by Order 62, rule 28 so as to confine the court to making orders only on a party and party basis or the common fund basis, and no other basis.

(2) The court had power to order the payment of costs on an indemnity basis.

(3) The effect of an order on an indemnity basis was, unless otherwise provided, that the rule laid down in Order 62, rule 29(1) applied, but not the presumptions

laid down in Order 62, rule 29(1) applied, but not the presumptions set out in rule 29(2) and (3). In brief, the result was that all the costs incurred would be allowed except those unreasonably incurred or of an unreasonable amount, and in applying those exceptions, the receiving party would be given the benefit of the doubt.

(4) The court had power to order costs to be paid on the solicitor and own client basis as between litigating parties; but the meaning and effect of such an order did not arise in the present case, and the court would decide nothing on it.

(5) If an order for solicitor and own client costs was to be sought, those concerned should consider carefully the uncertain meaning and effect of the order and in particular whether the presumptions set out in Order 62, rule 29(2) and (3) would apply, and if a whether their effect might and if so, what their effect might

(6) The court appeared still to have power to make an order for solicitor and client costs, although the effect of such an order was not clear; it might well be the same as that of an order on the common fund basis and, if so, there was much to be said for expressing the order as being made on the common fund basis. (7) The court had power to make other forms of order, although it should be slow to evolve a new basis of taxation unless there was a real need which could not otherwise be met; but if some new basis had to be laid down, it was desirable to make it explicit what the meaning and effect of that basis

Solicitors: A. E. Hamlin & Co.

Big Jim's amazing last gamble pays off

Frank Johnson in the Commons

James Callaghan, a 69-year-old retired Inland Revenue officer of Cardin South-East, This ending was contrary to

get the approval of the elec-torate for the "swamping" proposal before the party comes into office. He succeeded the notorious Sir Harold Wilson, who was Britain's "Mr Little". It should be stated in the manifesto that the party, if roted into power, would ask the Queen to create an unspeci-fied number of peers to carry

Eritain's "Mr Little".

Looking directly across at Mr Calloghan during noisy exchanges on the law and order issue, Mrs Thatcher told the House: "Murders were greatest during the lifetime of the last government."

Mr Calloghan pleaded not make to all charges. Report-Mr Calleghan pleaded not guilty to all charges. Reporting restrictions were lifted. The entire Labour Party offered to act as character vitnesses on bis behalf, which was more than could be said when he was Prime Minister,

Giving evidence, Mr Callaghan said that "serious crimes, offences recorded by the police, of violence against the person, burglary, robbery, handling of stolen goods and criminal damage declined each year when I was Prime

Minister."

So Big Jim, this man who rerrorized a nation, had decided to deny it all. It was his last amazing gamble. He'll never get away with it, we all told one another. "He's innocent, it's a frame-up, OK?" a woman shouted from the public gallery. ("Well, all right then, perhaps it was Mr Dennis Skinner. Or perhaps I imagined it.) The Speaker said that if there was a repetition of such behaviour a repetition of such behaviour he would clear the court. Furthermore, this was not a court of morals. (Or at least, if the Speaker said nothing of the sort, he should have said it.)

fer a peerage on a retired speaker as a "signal mark of royal favour". So, Mr Benn emphasizes, there is a mechanism by which the Commons can ask the Crown to act and There was then a sensa-tional development in the case. In a complete reversal, Mr Callaghan said that serious crimes not only "declined each year when I was Prime Minister," but "have gone up each year since". And he waved the Home Office docuwhen it makes the essential point that the House of Lords is a creation of the Crown prerogative, and it can only be swamped by the Crown ment containing the statistics that would prove his inno-

So it was Mrs Thatcher who

a series of murders in the late 1970s when he was allegedly Eritain's "Mr Big".

The succession of murders in the late the rule that the police officer must never be the character who have the character who officer must never be the character who turns out to have done it. Otherwise it is just cheating. Yet here we had an ending in which the detective-figure, Mrs.

Thatcher, was the one respon-sible for the most murders. Any of us could write crime fiction on that basis. It is simply a matter of making the least plausible or most respectable character into the villain. It was all as wretched as The Mousetrap in which, you will recall, the murderer is the one who everyone believes is the policeman. The Speaker, who I assume writes the scripts of all these question times, was simply not trying yesterday, brilliant though he usually is.

Mrs Thatcher, still seated and rummaging among her notes, made as if she was going to deny the terrible evidence that Mr Callaghan held in his hand. But as he sat down, he remarked: " Despite what the Right bon Lady said in her election speeches, neither she nor I has any influence at all on those statistics." Mrs Thatcher erose amid

colossal Labour derision, She hesitated and once more pillaged her notes. Suddenly, she opted for candour. The situation was that desperate. I am grateful to the Right hon Gentleman for the last comment which is obviously correct. I cannot reinforce what I said about the number of murders, I was thinking about something else, I will therefore give the House the relevant statistics of which I was thinking, which I had in my mind, although it was not all about murders . . ." Last night the entire Home Office was helping the Prime Minister with her inquiries.

The Queen chatting with pensioners yesterday when she opened a centre in Finsbury, London, which will provide them with meals and entertainment

Alliance seats share-out 'on target'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

crats announced yesterday an The parties announced that almost equal division between final deals had been struck in 19 of the 48 negotiating units, the parties of two-thirds of Britain's parliamentary seats and provisional agreements in a further 16 which await the to be fought at the next general election and voiced approval of the local parties. Of the 398 seats in these 35 confidence that agreement in units the Liberals are to fight 202 seats and the SDP 196. the majority of the remainder would he achieved by the end

of the month.

The announcement of significant progress in the talks, hailed as a "remarkable number each fights at the next general election — has been carried out to the letter. Fears achievement" in a joint statemeet by Mr David Steel and Mr William Rodgers, was being expressed just after been completed include other christmas, when Mr Rodgers broke off negotiations, that intrausigence on both sides the crucial by-election next week at Glasgow, Hillhead. But the level of agreement reached has far exceeded the expecta-

The Liberals and Social Demo- tions of leading figures in both the country there are many local disputes still to be sorted

> Mr Steel and Mr Rodgers said the progress made "re-flects greatly to the credit of all our local members who have been involved in negotiations and have been obliged to make concessions and, sometimes, accept difficult decisions".

> The areas where full agreements have been made include Scotland, Wales, Northinghamshire, Derbyshire and parts of Greater Loudon, and those where provisional deals have

and Humberside, Somerset, Dorset, South Yorkshire, orset, South Yorkshire urrey, Type and Wear and Northumberland, Warwickshire and the West Midlands.

Many local deals have been completed in recent days, for when the state of progress was last announced about three weeks ago fewer than 200 seats had been settled.

The 13 negotiating units where talks are still going on are central London, North-east London, Greater Manchester South, Lancashire and Cumbria, Merseyside, Shropshire, Hereford, Wortester and Staffordshire, West Yorkshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and fordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, Cheshire, Cleveland and Dur-ham, Devon and Cornwall, and Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and

Lord Shinwell resigns Whip

Lord Shinwell, who will be Labour whip in the House of Lords. In a letter to Leard Peart, leader of the Labour peers, the former Secretary of State for War and Minister of Defence said although he had no intention of leaving the party, he would in future regard himself as an Inde-

regard himself as an Independent.

Lord Shinwell is understood to be upset about his treatment in the Lords on March 11 after Lord Trenchard, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, announced the decision to go ahead with the Trident 2 missile system.

After more than half an hour of questions Lady Young, Leader of the Lords, suggested a close, but when Lord Shinwell began to ask a question he was interrupted by Lady Llewelyn-Davies, the Labour chief whip, who agreed with Lady Young.

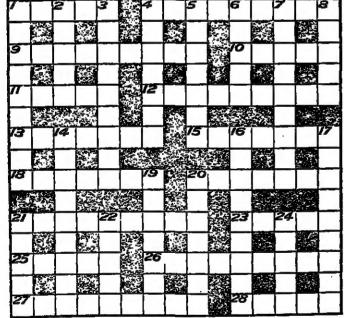
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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen visits Staff College, Camberley, 11.30. 4)—guided tour by the artist today at 3.30 and 6 (for reserva-tions call 0904 23839). Lamberrey, 11.30.
Princess Margaret, Grand
President of St John Ambulance
Association and Brigade, opens
new Letton and Leytonstone
Headquarters of London District, 4.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,784



1 Look into TUC backing strike

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11 Many on leave in Africa (5). 12 Trader appears to call £500 16 1 stupid for return (9).
13 Drains showing evidence of 17 1

past revelry (7). 15 Pompous bein standing (7). being of high 18 Islander reporting chess cap-

20 Is involved with various rates

for literary works (7).
21 Yard supporter gets spliced — rum business! (9). 23 Rascal among hydro guests?

25 Great fear of being late? That's about right (5). 26 Momentous meaning attached to a Bible section (9). 27 Rider for Lars Porsena forthcoming? (9). 28 He sings a note, say (5).

Minor complaint over best part of feature film (4,5)
 A heart perhaps is playable

(5). 3 German expression shows - it must get translated

Work by Carel Weight, York Chy Art Gallery, Exhibition Square. York; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (until April

Exhibitions in progress

Paintings and sculpture by Bert Roberts, Manor House, likley; Tues to Sun 10 to 5 (until April 4).

Last chance to see

Explain meaning of terrible tripe about rent reform (9). Rebellious serviceman? (9). 19 Approaching centre of Tenby in gear, possibly (7).20 BR connection booked by late 21 Married lady so addressed two mothers? (5). 22 Emblem gives us endless

worry (5). 24 Last trace of Cheshire Cat, swallowing a cereal (5).

5 Cuts made about publicity for

verse (9).

shows (7). Flat — with lift also (5).

Little test in three sorts of

Direction for scoring bumps in French river? (3-2).

14 Poor writer on river steamer

Late paintings by Stckert, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of E Angia, Norwich; Tues to Sun 12 to 5 (until April 4).

Enriy Soviet Photographers, and 20 Years of Work by Mayakovsky, Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until May 2).

Oils and watercolours by Ian Houston, Mandell's Gallery, Elm Hill, Norwich; Mon to Sat 9 to 5,30 (until March 27).

History of Wine Collection by Harveys of Bristol, Castle Museum, Nottingham; Mon to Sun 10 to 4.45 (until May 3).

Cottswold Lions and Topiary Teapots—paintings by Maty Sumner, Banbury Museum, 8 Horsefair, Banbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 4, closed Tues (until April 3).

Spirit of the Sea, paintings from late 17th century to the 20th

from late 17th century to the 20th century and models of ships, Oldham Art Gallery, Union Street, Oldham; Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 10 to 7, Tues 10 to 1, Sat 10 to 4 (until April 17).

Last chance to see

Recent work by Laura Holliday,
Martyn Jones, Julie Mortimore
and Philip Rawsthorne, Central
Hall, University College, Cardiff;
9 am to 10 pm (ends today).

The VRIage Green—research by
Paul Oliver on development and
environment of the English village green, City of Birmingham
Polytechnic; 10 to 4 (ends
today).

today). Talks, lectures 200 Years of London's Transport, by Oliver Green. Newport Museum and Art Galfery. John Frost Square, Newport, 7.30.
Ships as a Hobby—illustrated talk, Central Library, Prince's Way, Bradford, 7.

Music

Music from Ireland by Donal
McGrath, Brent Town Hall, Forty
Lane, Wembley, 7.30.

Concert, Southampton University Choral Society and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra,
Guildhall, Southampton, 7.30.

Concert, Variation Vocal
Ensemble, South Petherton
Parish Church, Somerset, S.

Concert by Nuove Musiche,
Holburne Museum, Great Pultney Street, Bath, 7.45.
General

General
Lincolnshire Home and Leisure Show, Lincolnshire Show, Sound to 9, tomorrow 10 to 9, Sun 10 to 6, Scottish Antiques Fair, Roxburghe Hotel, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, 11 to 9 today and tomorrow.

Parliament today Commons (9.30) : Private Mem-

ber's motion on environment Issues associated with the coal industry.

Anniversaries today Births: David Livingstone, Blantyce Works, Lanarkshire, 1813; Richard Burton, explorer and orientalist. Torquay, 1821; Sergel Diaghilev, Novgorod province, 1872; Max Reger, Brand, Bararia, 1873. In Dorchester, Lames and George Loveless, Thomas and John Stanfield, James Haumet and James Brine were sentenced to saven years' transportation for "administering unlawful oaths", 1834.

Auction viewings today | The papers

Bonhams, Montpeller Street;
Oriental ceramics and works of art, 9 to 11; silver and plate, 9 to 4. Christie's, King Street; Chess sets, objects of virtu, Russian works of art and miniatures; Old Master drawings; architectural and decorative drawings, all 9.15 to 4.30. Christie's, South Kensington; Old and modern silver; Oriental ceramics; English and Continental watercolours and drawings, all 9.15 to 4.30; Hart/Hall collection of mounted birds, 2 to 4.30. Phillips, Elenheim Street; Silver, 9 to 10.30; watercolours and drawings; furniture, carpets, works of art, 9 to 4.30. Phillips, Blodd Place, Chester: Antique furniture, coins and medals, 9 to 11.30. Sotheby's, Bond Street; Convinental mathriage.

Continental palatings; Continental watercolours; icons; fast sale—paintings; Old Master drawings all 9 to 4.30. Sotheby's, Belgravia: Textiles and costumes,

Top 10 films

The top ten films in London:

Reds Mad Max 2 On Golden Pond

Absence of Malice Charlots of Fire/Gregory's 6 Whose Life Is it Anyway.?

Arthur Death Wish II The French Lieutenant's

Woman 10 Dragonslayer The top five in the provinces: Private Lessons

Death Wish II Mad Max 2 Monty Python's Life of Brian/Airplane! 5 Kentucky Fried Movie

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Food prices

Fruit will become scarcer and more expensive in coming weeks, the British Farm Produce Council warns. The last of the English Coxes now cost up to 50p as lb. and imports at up to 45p make little appeal. Citrus fruits and bananas are probably a more attractive proposition.

However, a plentiful crop of early home grown salad vegetables is expected, English lettuce is already a good buy, but for the moment imported tomators at between 30p and 40p a lb are much cheaper than English or Channel Islands hothouse produce.

produce.

Meat prices are mostly unchanged, but New Zealand lamb
is on special offer in many shops,
with leg as cheap as £1.30 a lb
and shoulder under 80p.

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The criminal injuries board compensation recommendations of £2,250 for a rape victim and £6,500 for a woman left with a facial scar reflect a man's sexist view of the word, anys the Dally Mirror: "No doubt a woman scarred is thought to be three times as unattractive as a woman raped", it says.

Commenting yesterday on the British law and order debate, Le Monde said: "The British police force, which used to be cited as exemplary in all democratic countries, is now criticized for comradictory reasons: too rough methods by some, weakness by others."

Roads

London and South-east: Woolwich Ferry: only one boat service after midday. Earls Court
area congested due to Ideal
Home Exhibition. Al184: Temporary signals eastbound on
London Road, Bishop's Stortford, at junction with Thorley
Hill.
Midlands: A5: Temporary
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Midlands: A5: Temporary signals N of Numeaton. A5: Only half road open at Kitsby and Cowellbend, Northamptonshire. A442: Traffic signals at Alverley,

Shropshire:
The North: A66: Traffic lights between North Bitts and Great Bridge, Durham. A5117: Temporary lights between Hapsford and Dunkirk, N of Chester. A19: Lane restrictions on Sunderland by-pass.

Water and West: A5: Temporary signals at Carregiliog. Wates and West: A5: Temporary signals at Caergelliog, between Holyhead and Bangor. A30: Roadworks in East Street, Okehampton, Devon. M4: Lane closures between junctions 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham). Scotland: M8: Westbound lane closure near St James interchange, Glasgow. A94: Single line traffic with lights N of Coupar Angus. A74: Lane closures at Johnstonebridge, Dumfriessbire.

Information supplied by the AA.

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Weather

Benn calls

on Lords'

abolition

it did to Asquith in 1910, that inere should be anorder general election to confirm

that there was public approval. Far better, Mr Benn says, to

through the Lords Abolition
Bill. That, he tells his critics,
would be "straightforward
and honest" and would dispose
of any claim that the electors
did not know what they were

doing.
Once " swamping " was accep-

ted, the question was how to do it. In recent times, peer-ages have usually been created on the recommendation of the

Prime Minister of the day. That procedure would not be satisfactory on an issue of such profound constitutional import-

ance, Mr Benn states. It must be seen that it is the will of the people that the Queen

the people that the Queen should act as requested.
He has found, he says, two precedents for asking the Queen to act at the behest of a parliament. One of them he highlighted when he was preparing his case before the High Court in the action which preceded resupcision of the

preceded renunciation of the Stansgate peerage. It was a request from Canada in the 1930s that the monarch should not create any more peerages.

in Canada. That was done direct, by humble address.

Another precedent, he says,

is provided by instances where the Commons, by humble address, asks the Crown to con-

it is a "proper, constitutional

procedure".

Although the paver is said to be written in "high falurin' constitutional language", it

comes down to brass tacks

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for vote

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6 am to midnight

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becoming clearer from NW later; wied S,
nocierate or fresh, backing ME, light; max
temp 7 or BC (45 or 46F).

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intervals, mostly dry at first, occasional
showers later; wind wariable light, becoming

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NW, Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Some bright or smary intervals. mostly dry, wind variable light, becoming NE; max temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45°).

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